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RESHUFFLE FOR THE ROOS?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Adrian Alston (top right) in action in a Sydney club match. Alston has been called into the national squad and other stars are expected to follow. Some are pictured here, top left: Ray Richards of Marconi; centre left, Doug Utjesenovic of St. George, in action against West Germany's Gerd Mueller (No. 13) during the 1974 World Cup; bottom left: Richie Beil of Olympic (left) in action against South Melbourne's Chris Kent; bottom centre: Fitzroy's Branko Buljevic, leading in a race for the ball; bottom right: Hakoah goalkeeeper Todd Clark.

The inclusion of Adrian Alston in the national squad appears to herald a new attitude by Socceroo coach Jim Shoulder.

Shoulder has until now resisted changes to his squad, preferring to remain loyal to the nucleus of players who served him well on the world tour last year.

However, after Australia's disappointing performances against Iran and South Korea, Shoulder announced that Alston would be in the squad for the game against Kuwait in Sydney on October 16.

Alston, who is under contract with the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the U.S., is here as a guest player with Canberra City.

He played for Australia in the 1974 World Cu finals in West Germany.

Alston's inclusion will open up the national squad to other players who have been clamouring to get in.

Shoulder is likely to bring back **Doug Utjesenovic,** of St. George and **Richie Beil** of Olympic who were both out for a long time due to injuries sustained on the world tour. Goalkeeper **Todd Clarke** of Hakoah, injured in a club match, may also return to the Socceroos.

Brako Buljevic of Fitzroy-Alexander, has played some brilliant games this season and must have caught the eye of Shoulder who watched him in the postponed match against Western Suburbs in Sydney last Wednesday night. Buljevic scored the winning goal in that game, as he had against Juventus Adelaide the previous Sunday.

Ray Richards of Marconi must also have a good chance of returning to the national squad. A veteran of the 1974 World Cup finals, Richards has been in fine form all year.

Shoulder has stressed that any new players who may come into the squad will be additions, not necessarily replacements.

Of course any new player would have to prove himself to Shoulder but those who do will have to replace some of the present fringe players. There's no other way.

Already, Shoulder appears to have dropped **Agenor Muniz** of Adelaide Juventus.

Ken Reed, goal machine

Ken Reed, George Cross' goalscoring machine, is proving to be Frankston City's bogey man.

On Sunday he scored four goals against the "Bay City Rollers", to add to the three he scored against them on August 17 at Olympic Park.

Reed (pictured) has now scored 22 goals in 19 Victorian State League games and five goals in two Dockerty Cup matches.

His tally includes five hat-tricks and he now leads the Courage $1,000 top goalscorer award by 10 from his nearest rival, Ray Pocock of Sunshine City. — LES SHORROCK

Vic kids are tops

Victoria was the most successful State in the national juniors championships which ended at the weekend.

The Vics won the under 18 title in Adelaide and the under 14 and under 15 championships in Sydney.

The under 13 and under 16 titles went to New South Wales.

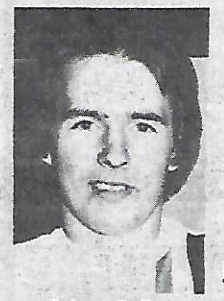
● See reports on page 10.

Protest over Cullen

George Cross is expected to appeal today (Wednesday) against the two year suspension of forward Robert Cullen.

Cullen was charged with having struck Hakoah defender **Bill Jordanou** after the George Cross v Hakoah night game at Olympic Park two weeks ago.

Jordanou spent two days in hosptial where he had a pin inserted in his broken jaw.



Robert Cullen

"Soccer Action" received a letter from George Cross supporters this week, protesting against Cullen's two-year suspension.

The letter was signed by 157 George Cross fans.

Greek juniors and Hajduk may visit

Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia and a Greek national junior team may tour Australia next year.

The Australian Junior Soccer Council has asked for a tour by a Greek representative under 15 or under 16 side.

It would take place during the Greek school holidays, about July or August.

Hajduk Split would tour in January of February next year.

The tour would be organised by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Negotiations are under way.

Hajduk has won the Yugoslav championship eight times, most recently in 1975-76.

In 1974 the club had 10 players in the Yugoslav team that competed in the World Cup finals. They were: **Rizev Meskovic, Ivan Buljan, Vilson Dzoni, Dragan Holcer, Luka Peruzovic, Branko Oblak, Jurica Jerkovic, Drazen Muzinic, Ivan Surjak and Slavissa Zungul.**

Rothmans $250 for best goalie

The Rothman's goalkeeper award goes to the goalkeeper who appears most often in our State League team of the week (see page 7).

This week's goalkeeper is HANS VAN DER POEL of Altona City.

Leaders:

6. Van der Poel (Altona)
4. Lou Denys (Green Gully)
3. Peter Clarke (Slavia)
2. Peter Laumets (Preston)

RIVERSDALE TRAVEL

The Riversdale Travel Award, a trip for two to Surfers Paradise, for the top player in the State League.

George Cross v Sunshine
3. Nelson (Sunshine)
2. McConville (George Cross)
1. Cumming (Sunshine)

Juventus v Ringwood
3. Smith (Juventus)
2. Watkins (Juventus)
1. Walker (Juventus)

Hakoah v Preston
3. O'Hara (Hakoah)
2. Rainey (Hakoah)
1. Campbell (Preston)

Slavia v Lions
3. Kerr (Lions)
2. Andrews (Lions)
1. Thomson (Slavia)

Polonia v Green Gully
3. P. Czapnik (Polonia)
2. A. Czapnik (Polonia)
1. Horfiniak (Polonia)

Altona v Sunshine
3. Van der Poel (Altona)
2. Watters (Altona)
1. Little (Altona)

Frankston v George Cross
3. Reed (George Cross)
2. Wilkinson (George Cross)
1. Barron (George Cross)

Riversdale award leaders:
22. Rainey (Hakoah)
20. Bannon (Juventus), Watkins (Juventus).
19. Irvine (Frankston).
15. Pocock (Sunshine), Reed (George Cross).

Courage $1,000 top goalscorer award:
22. Reed (George Cross).
12. Pocock (Sunshine).
10. Taylor (Altona).
8. Bennie (Slavia), Murphy (Lions).
7. Armstrong (Juventus), Cumming (Sunshine), O'Callaghan (Ringwood), Watkins (Juventus), Webster (Frankston).

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY						
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	P
Hakoah-Easts	7	3	2	28	15	5	6	0	22	12	50:27	33
Marconi	7	3	2	15	8	6	3	2	21	10	36:18	32
Fitz Alexander	7	2	2	22	16	4	5	3	15	14	37:30	29
Adel Juventus	7	2	2	26	9	4	4	4	17	15	43:24	28
West Subs	3	5	3	16	10	6	2	4	16	15	32:25	25
St. George	5	6	1	18	10	1	7	3	14	18	32:28	25
W. Adel Hellas	3	5	4	17	18	4	4	3	14	9	31:27	23
Foots. JUST	6	3	2	18	12	2	3	7	9	18	27:30	22
S. Melb Hellas	3	4	5	11	12	4	3	4	15	18	26:30	21
Brisb. City	6	3	3	15	7	1	3	7	10	20	25:28	20
Sydney Olympic	5	2	4	16	15	2	3	7	6	17	22:32	19
Brisb. Lions	5	3	3	15	13	2	2	8	8	24	23:37	19
Canberra	3	2	6	12	15	2	3	7	8	19	20:34	15
Moorooibark	2	5	5	17	23	1	0	10	8	35	25:58	11

For this week's games see Back Page.

National League team of week

In brackets: Total appearances in team of week.

BLASBY (1) (Alexander)

PYE (4) (SM-Hellas) — O'REILLY (1) (Alexander) — UTJESENOVIC (1) (St George) — McMILLAN (3) (Alexander)

PERIN (1) (Juventus) — P. BANNON (3) (Alexander) — STONE (3) (West Subs)

J. NYSKOHUS (2) (Juventus) — DEANS (2) (Juventus) — MARIANI (1) (Marconi)

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Vasic) Fitzroy Alexander 3 (Bouzikas, Campbell, P. Bannon) at Olympic Park, crowd about 6,500.
Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

J.U.S.T: Boland 8; Milne 7, Kondarios 6, Kriaris 7, Kazi 6, Micic 6, (Nicolaides 69th), Ricioane 6, Rujevic 8, Ristovski 7, Vasic 6, Palinkas 6.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 8; V. Bannon 6 Tansey 6, half time); O'Reilly 8 (Inj., sub. Rakovalis 73rd.), Provan 7, McMillan 7, Taylor 6, P. Bannon 9, Bozikas 8, Campbell 8, Cole 6, Buljevic 6.

STH. MELB. HELLAS 1 (Cummings) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Kosmina, Boyle) at Middle Park, crowd about 2200.
Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

STH. MELB. HELLAS: Reilly 6; Pye 8, Xanthopoulos 6, Kalafatidis 7, Dosen 6 (Hagegmanouil 80th); Alexiou 5 (Cummings 6, 58th.), Rogers 7, Gibson 6; French 7, Ollerton 7, Kent 9.

WEST ADEL. HELLAS: Crook 7; Reynolds 6, Vagianos 7, Jones 7, Amos 7, Pillans 8, Boyle 8, McGachey 7, Panntelis 5 (Krytikos 80th.), Kosmina 6, Zervas 5.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 10 (Deans 4, Perin 2, Leane, Nyskohus, Marocchi, Northcote), MOOROOLBARK 3 (Fairbrother, McGregor, Lowe). At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 4,700.
Players ratings by Meno Toutsidis:

JUVENTUS: Marshall 5, Frazer 7, Yung 7, B. Besir, Matic 7, Nyskohus 9, Perin 10, Northcote 8, Deans 10, Marocchi 8, J. Nyskohus 9, Leane 8.

MOOROOLBARK: Hawke 5 (Wilding 3), Williamson 5, G. Ontong 5, Ellis, Thom 6, Bojozuk 5, Pongho 5, P. Ontong 5, Fairbrother 7, O'Riley 6, Lowe 6, McGregor 7.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Buljevic 61st) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Englefield Stadium. Crowd 1109.
Ratings by Charles Frank.

WESTS: T. Eaton 6, Curran 8, Perry 7, Turnbull 8, Wilson 8, Harding 8, Hardes 6, Stone 9, C. Eaton 6, Fisher 6 (21: Samuels 7) Ainslie 6.

FITZROY. Blasby 8. V. Bannon 8, Provan 8, Tansey 6 (30: Bozikas 7), McMillan 9, P. Bannon 8, Taylor 6, Campbell 6 (77: Tront), O'Reilly 9, Cole 8, Buljevic 8.

MARCONI 3 (Mariani 2, Sharne), WESTERN SUBURSB 0 at Marconi Oval. Crowd 2358.
Ratings by Alan Ross:

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 6 (Robertson 6), Degney 7, Russell 8, Prskalo 7, Richards 7, Byrne 7, Campbell 6 (Williams 7), Rooney 8, Mariani 9, Sharne 9.

WESTS: Eaton 6, Curran 7, Perry 6 (Rowden), Turnbull 8, Wilson 7, Harding 6, Dodd 6 (Hardes 6), Stone 8, Norris 8, Eaton 5, Ainslie 6.
CANBERRA CITY 1 (Bourke 35m) d MARCONI 0 at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan. Crowd: 1800.
Player ratings by Paul Mills: CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 8, Moulis 7 Hogg 64th), Boskov 7, Brown 7, Black 7, Cant 8, Gruicic 7, Henderson 7, Bourke 8, Alston 8, Stoddart 8.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 8, Degney 7, Rooney 8, Richards 7, Bryne 7; Campbell 6, Mariani 6, Sharne 6.

HAKOAH 2 (Stevenson, Smith) d. BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 2205.
Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Haynes 7, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, Robertson 8, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 8, Barnes 7, Lutton 7 (McGuinness 6), Watson 8, Smith 8, Silva 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Dando 6, Spearritt 6, Potter 7, Bennett 5, Niven 6, Drinkwater 6, Fagan 7, Lasio 7, Neale (Lawrie 5, substituted at half time by Venables 6), Murray 6, Morris 7.

BRISBANE CITY 3 (Conner, Johnston, Tokesi) d OLYMPIC 0 at Perry Park, crowd 4420.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

CITY: Borzi 7, Rathmell 8, Tokesi 8, Echeverria 8, Hermiston 9, Pimblett 8, Gaffney 7, Kibbey 6 (McLeod 6), Caldwell 7, Johnston 8, Conner 8.

OLYYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 6, Allan 6, Bell 6, Luckett 6, Cross 8, Senkalski 6, Jamieson 7, McIntosh 6 (Thamnidis), Ekonomou 6 (Raskopoulos), Botham 6.

ST GEORGE 2 (O'Connor, Hensman) d. CANBERRA CITY 0 at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 2205.
Rating by Peter Scott:

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 8, Utjesenovic 9, J. O'Shae 7, Williams 7, Grosse 7, Jankovics 8, Hensman 7, R. O'Shea 7, Gnavi 7, O'Connor 7.

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 7, Hogg 5, Boskov 6, Brown 6, Black 6, Cant 5, Henderson 7, Gruicic 6, B. Stoddart 7, Alston 7, Bourke 6.

LEADERS

Leading averages:
7.8 Hermiston (Brisb C), Rooney (Marc), Wilson (Wests).
7.6 Richards (Marc), Barnes (Hak).
7.4 Stone (Wests), Maher (Marc)
7.3 Crook (WA Hellas), Harris (St. G), Buljevic (Alex)
7.2 Harding (Wests), Reynolds (WA-Hellas), Pye (SM-Hellas), Meier (Oly), Mowbray (Hak), Watson (Hak), Smith (Hak) Henderson (Can), Bennett (Lions).
7.1 Lister (Juve), Perin (Juve), J. Nysohus (Juve), Muniz (Juve), Kondarios (JUST), McMillan (Alex).

Leading Scorers:
13. Smith (Hak).
12. Barnes (Hak);
11. Kosmina (W.A.-Hellas), Deans (Juve)
10. Morris (Lions)
9. Buljevic (Alex), Cole (Alex), J. Nyskohus (Juve).
8. O'Connor (St. G).
7. Sharne (Mac), Norris (Wests), Pirie (Oly), Tront (Alex).
6. J. Campbell (Alex), E. Campbell (Marc), C. Eaton (Wests), Ollerton (SM-Hellas), Mariani (Marc), Morgan (St.G), Botham (Oly), McGregor (M'bark), Northcote (Juve), Ristovski (JUST).
5. R. O'Shea (St.G), Leane (Juve), Palinkas (JUST), Lutton (Hak)

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Cant–Rooney battle the highlight

By PAUL MILLS

Marconi's national league championship hopes suffered a severe setback last Wednesday night when improving Canberra City scored a deserved 1-0 victory under floodlights at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan.

Canberra 1 Marconi 0

City worked hard for the two points and with Marconi mounting continuous attacks the match produced soccer of top quality.

The floodlights exposed Marconi as a technically brilliant side unable to translate its attacks into goals.

The forwards, **Campbell, Mariani** and **Sharne,** continually found open space and looked like to give the City defence a hard time, but it was the same old song as Marconi squandered chance after chance — including two "gifts" by the City defence.

The first was a poor back pass by **Tony Henderson** which, fortunately, took Mariani by surprise as he was in the clear.

The second was a square pass which **Rooney** squeezed through a line of waiting City defenders only for **Richards** to be taken by surprise when a tap would have brought a goal.

There were some absorbing battles. **Cant** and **Rooney** fought all night for midfield superiority with the latter doing better in the first half but being overshadowed by Cants uncompromising tackles in the second.

Alston went at the Marconi defence with dogged determination and drew a magnificent defensive effort from Marconi sweeper **Prakalo.**

City's **Allan Bourke** and **Brian Stoddart** challenged **Jones, Russell** and **Degney** and if Marconi's defensive trio had not produced their best the scoreline would have been bigger.

In midfield, Marconi was superb. **Jim Rooney, Ray Richards** and **Gary Byrne** carved huge chunks of territory with smart passing and forward running but received no return for their efforts from the forwards.

City coach **John Warren** gave his defence specific instructions to clear the ball quickly from the penalty area. **Moulis, Boskov, Brown** and **Black** complied — sometimes with desperation — but with good effect.

On most occasions the clearance landed at a Marconi player and the attacking process began all over again.

But often the ball fell to **Grujicic, Bourke** or **Stoddart** and they produced fireworks.

Their determination carried them upfield but they often missed chances to create goals by crossing hastily or shooting wide.

City's goal after 35 minutes, was magic. It came from a passing movement from one end of the field to the other — pure soccer.

Tilsed, in great form, took a high cross, bowled a clearance to **Grujicic** and he found **Alston** who executed a neat one-two movement with **Stoddart** whose final pass found **Bourke** running in to crash the ball past **Maher.**

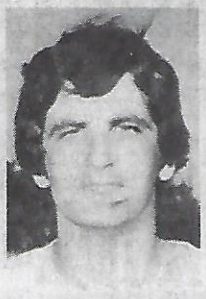
Stephen Hogg replaced **Danny Moulis** for City in the 64th minute and continued the hard-tackling policy.

After soaking up all Marconi's pressure, City then produced a grandstand finish which saw **Bourke, Grujicic** and **Stoddart** go close to scoring. Only the daring of **Maher** prevented further goals.

Despite the willing tackling, only one player was booked — **Alston,** in the 89th minute.

City players and supporters had two minutes earlier claimed a penalty when **Prakalo** appeared to trip **Bourke,** but play was waved on.

TERRY SMITH PLAYS HAVOC



Terry Smith

Hakoah 2 Lions 0

By Peter Scott

It may not have been a pretty sight for much of the 90 minutes, but Hakoah did the job that had to be done in beating Brisbane Lions 2-0 at Wentworth Park last Sunday.

A team that played eye pleasing, attractive soccer so often this season, only to disappoint its followers by dropping valuable points in the end, opted for no-nonsense stuff on this occasion.

For much of the game they made Lions, who have been on the crest of a wave for the past several weeks, look like a very ordinary side, indeed.

The loss of John Neale by the visitors, injured in a clash with Henry Mowbray in the seventh minute, was a handicap, but not a decisive one.

Les Scheinflug's men were clearly out of their depth in this encounter.

Their fortunes were not helped by the fact that they neglected to close mark Hakoah's danger men, wingers **Joe Watson** and **Hilton Silva** and midfielder **Bertie Lutton,** who were free to roam and probe almost at will. Lutton was later disabled by a kick on the shin and Bobby McGuinnes replaced him on the 65th minute.

This tactical blunder was made even worse by Socceroo sweeper **Col Bennett's** decision to play "off" the league's leading scorer **Terry Smith.**

Instead of trying to cut off the supply of balls to the lanky Englishman, Bennett consistently allowed him to gather the ball in, control it and attempt a pass, before he endeavoured to intercept.

As a result Smith played havoc in the Lions defence and, to put icing on the cake, he also increased his tally of goals by one to 13.

It was the direct result of the best moment of the game, when, with 12 minutes to go, Silva sent over a perfectly judged curling corner kick and Smith rose majestically above the defence to deftly head it into the net for Hakoah's second goal.

The first one came early in the piece, as the result of some neat co-operation between John Stevenson, fully recovered from a groin injury, and Watson, who, during the week shrugged off the worries of a dicey ankle.

Stevenson sent Watson racing on the wing with a neatly timed through ball and had the favor returned when the winger crossed it straight back to him.

So desperately unlucky with his scoring attempts often this season, the former efforts of Midlothian midfield made no mistake this time, sending a first time shot rocketing towards goal which, with the aid of a deflection off Bennett, sailed past the diving figure of goalie **Phil Dando.**

For the rest of the first half Hakoah played simple pattern soccer and "closed up shop" after the break.

It was an easy and confident win for the Blues who are showing every intention of staying on top of the league in the run home to the championship title.

What may give their coach **Gerry Chaldi** some restless moments during the coming weeks is a noticeable tendency by his charges to look upon a one goal lead as sufficient for two points in the final reckoning.

With every team, even the also rans, out to prove their mettle, this has — and could in future — lead to the occasional unpleasant surprise which, on talent alone, they do not deserve to receive.

Juventus kicks an avalanche of goals

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Adelaide Juventus scored the biggest win in the inaugural national league competition by demolishing Mooroolbark 10-3 at Olympic Sports Field.

Juventus 10 M'bark 3

The crushing seven goal defeat will almost certainly mean the end of Mooroolbark's national league status.

Juventus hit the front in the ninth minute when **Dixie Deans** scored his first of four goals with a beautifully placed header.

John Perin made it 2-0 in the 25th minute with an unstoppable shot from 35 metres and although Mooroolbark scored two minutes from half time when **Barry Fairbrother** pushed the ball past **Peter Marshall** they were never in the hunt.

To explain Mooroolbark's demise is very difficult.

They played fairly well in the first half but crumbled in the second half.

To give reasons for Juventus' success is quite easy — they were brilliant.

Everything they did worked and some of those second half goals would have beaten any goalkeeper.

Mooroolbark's participation in this match ended in the 20th second of the second half when Deans slotted home the third goal with keeper **Terry Hawke** stranded.

Seven minutes later Deans scored his first hat trick in Australia with a powerful shot inside the penalty area.

Mooroolbark coach **Brian Edgely** replaced Hawke with **Paul Wilding** and although he saved almost immediately he fared no better than Hawke.

Deans cracked his fourth goal with a perfect inswinging kick which beat Wilding convincingly and in the 59th minute **David Leane** picked his spot for the sixth goal.

John Nyskohus scored the seventh and arguably the best goal of the match in the 64th minute.

The tiny Socceroo met the ball with his powerful left foot about 30 metres near the right corner flag and the ball swung viciously to dip inside the far top hand corner.

The ball not only beat Wilding but it went through the net.

Juventus were now playing almost at will and further goals seemed inevitable.

Perin made it 8-1 with a shot from inside the penalty area in 69th minute but then Juventus had a very quiet period — they didn't score for 12 minutes.

Gary Marocchi entered his name on the scorers' list when he beat Wilding with a powerful 15 metre shot.

But Mooroolbark did not give up and made it 9-2 when **Gordon McGregor** pounced onto a rebound and sent it past Marshall in the 82nd minute.

Two minutes later **Brian Northcote** headed from a corner to bring the tenth goal.

However, Mooroolbark had the last word when **Nick Lowe** scored with a header from close range.

Mooroolbark almost scored again moments later but **Paul Ontong** kicked over the bar.

The Barkers travel to Adelaide again this weekend to take on West Adelaide Hellas and, unless they improve dramatically, will take another beating.

In the first round of the season Mooroolbark played Juventus and Hellas twice in succession at Esther Park, Melbourne.

In the first match Juventus struggled before winning 3-1 while Hellas held on to draw 1-1 the following week.

Details of the record 13 goals:

9th minute 1-0 (Deans, 25th 2-0 (Perin), 43rd 2-1 (Fairbrother), 46th 3-1 (Deans), 53rd 4-1 (Deans), 57th 5-1 (Deans), 59th 6-1 (Leane), 64th 7-1 (Nyskohus), 69th 8-1 (Perin), 72nd 9-1 (Marocchi), 82nd 9-2 (McGregor), 84th 10-2 (Northcote), 89th 10-3 (Lowe).

John Perin

Jaksa out of Croatia

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Croatia replaced coach Peter Jaksa after it beat Campbelltown Budapest 1-0 to win its second SA Wills Cup in three years.

Jaksa, a former State coach, will almost certainly take charge of a First Division club next season.

It is believed he has signed with the club.

Croatia played without its usual fluency and rhythm in disposing of Campbelltown in a poor final.

Midfielder **Robert Marwe** scored the only goal of the match with a 10 minute goal from a free kick.

Campbelltown had their chances but their incompetent attack missed at least two certain goals.

The small crowd of 1500 had very little to cheer about and the match livened up only in the last 15 minutes as Campbelltown made a bold bid to snatch a draw.

However Croatia kept them out to send Campbelltown crashing to their second successive loss in the Wills Cup Final.

Campbelltown lost 4-0 in last years final against Juventus.

They finished rock bottom in the First Division last week and will almost certainly be relegated next year.

In the Coca Cola semi finals over the next two weeks Polonia play Victoria and Beograd take on Croatia.

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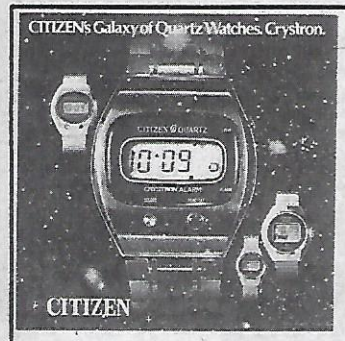

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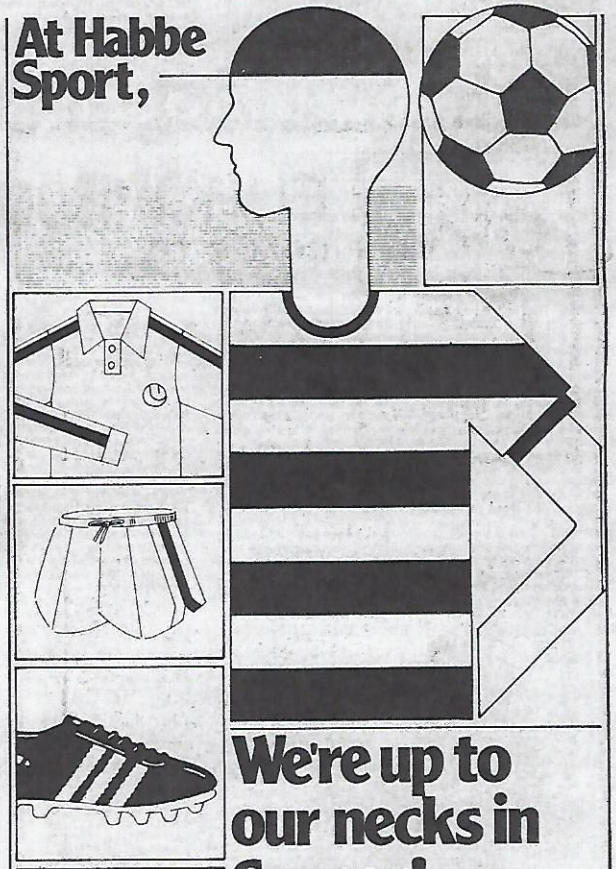

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SIR STANLEY ON SOCCER

By ALAN ROSS

The need for better communications between all sections of the game in Australia.

This was the most important message delivered by former FIFA president **Sir Stanley Rous** in a two hour discussion with member of the NSW Division of the Australian Soccer Press Association at the St. George Budapest Club last Thursday.

Sir Stanley spent a week in Australia before returning to London.

He had been discussing improvements in the game in both New Zealand and Fiji.

Co-hosts at the meeting were Australian Federation secretary **Brian le Fevre** and St. George Club president **Alec Pongrass.**

Sir Stanley, 82 years young, drew on his unparalleled experience as FIFA president for seven years and previously as English Football Association secretary.

Whilst some of his answers related to international and English problems encountered over the years, there would be few figures in the game who could have offered so many constructive suggestions for the good order of the game in Australia.

"Keep up contacts at the various levels of the game.

"Even if the sport is too sectionalised, the principle still works.

"When you are talking together, a pearl is likely to drop," he said.

For a sport in which administrators quite often fail to mix and get a cross fertilisation of progressive ideas, these views should have a particular impact.

In NSW, for example, there is very little contact between say senior clubs and country bodies, and similarly probably not enough between the State and Amateur Federations.

Sir Stanley saw it as a role of the press and other administrative forces to bring such matters to notice.

ASF secretary le Fevre allowed the need for a more widely constituted national body to represent all sections of the game — senior NSL clubs, State administration and clubs, amateurs, universities, colleges, schools, churches and so on.

"We are anxious to move ahead, but there is a limit to what we can achieve in a given time.

"This year we had the start of the National League, and I can see enough problems to completely engage the Annual General Meeting already.

"Such a reorganisation could hopefully be considered for the following year," he said.

Sir Stanley covered such main questions as:

Importation of players: "I believe in the local manufacture of players in Australia or anywhere else."

Improving Australian Soccer: You are moving generally in the right direction. Keep doing what you are doing in the best possible manner.

Present day referees: There is not enough respect for authority, and too much pressure on referees.

A referee should however have a sense of humour to help him overcome this non-acceptance.

Juniors: Play for fun up to twelve years of age. At 12-14 years sort the players out. The school organisation is the best.

United States rules: I don't believe in gimmicky rules — the US public will want the proper rules as they get used to the game.

At Tunis in the Coca Cola Youth Championship the use of short-corners produced no goals, and none came from other changes.

The "sin bin" concept did not work as the player involved had a rest from the heat before returning to the game after 10 minutes.

Press writers: Help the game without being subservient. The best writers in England are the unbiassed ones. Use your critical faculties whilst retaining your self-respect.

English senior clubs: Too many are too predictable. Teams like Liverpool and Manchester United are much better, and they are using university graduates and accountants and so on, who are better able to handle an improved pattern of play.

The apprentice scheme works well, and many players have another job to support themselves.

English coaches: The weakest part of English football is at trainer level.

The Germans, Hungarians and Dutch require a trainer to complete a four year physical education type course, but in England the type involved is the player who is outside the team — he takes out the bucket.

Coaches too must be taught how to teach.

Man management, physiology and psychology are skills to be capably handled by a coach.

The separate Football Association and Football League: We held dinners and meetings before each important meeting to discuss problems and find compromises.

We had a good working relationship between the bodies.

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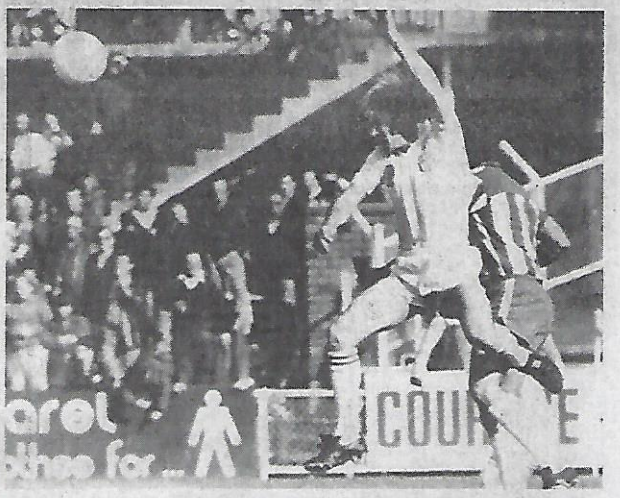
England v Australia: He will take up with the FA the obtaining of the full England team for the Australian jubilee year in 1982.

It was pointed out that only an England team would be suitable for the occasion.

Oceania: Changes in membership would be advantageous, and no doubt Dr. Havelange and Dr Kaiser would be looking at the question.

The Arabs are looking to form their own group.



South Melbourne's Mike Pye heads out of defence. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

First kick caps great comeback

By LAURIE SCHWAB

SM-Hellas 1 WA-Hellas 2

Chris Kent turned on yet another brilliant performance but it wasn't enough to give South Melbourne Hellas a victory over its Adelaide "cousins."

Duncan Cummings made a brilliant comeback after a 19-week layoff due to an achilles tendon operation.

Replacing **Jim Alexiou** in the 58th. minute, Cummings scored with his first kick, to equalise an earlier goal by **John Kosmina.**

South Melbourne was having more of the play than West Adelaide, so with this goal by Cummings to spur on the team, and with Kent playing expertly on the left wing, the home side looked set for victory.

However, sloppy marking by the South Melbourne defence turned the game West Adelaide's way, in the 70th. minute.

Neil McGachey played the ball short to his captain, **Peter Boyle,** who was having a great game in midfield. Boyle, well inside the penalty area, yet completely unmarked, hit the ball first-time and it went into goal off the underside of the crossbar.

Boyle and **Dave Pillans** were West Adelaide's stars. Supported by McGachey, they provided midfield power which, unfortunately, was not matched by the forwards.

John Kosmina had two or three tricky runs but **Nick Pantelis** and **Alex Zervas** were inactive.

South Melbourne got its drive from the flanks — **Mike Pye** on the right and Chris Kent on the left. Strikers **Peter Ollerton** and **Graham French** battled hard and won a good share of the ball but their best goalscoring attempts were foiled by West Adelaide's young goalkeeper, **Martyn Crook.**

Billy Rogers was industrious in only his second game back after injury.

He is so important to South Melbourne. So is Cummings, and with both of them back, South can hope for at least a draw with Brisbane Lions in Brisbane on Sunday.

West Adelaide, meanwhile, has an easy match against Mooroolbark in Adelaide.

It is not clear whether **Ian McGregor** will be back for this game, but the way Mooroolbark played last week, West Adelaide could field its reserve team and still win.

There was a lot of early action in the game at Middle Park last Saturday, starting with a great shot by Boyle, which goalkeeper **Jack Reilly** saved acrobatically.

West Adelaide went into the lead in the 19th. minute. A long shot from Kosmina found the net against the run of play. It stunned the crowd and it certainly stunned the South Melbourne players.

Pillans almost made it 2-0 when he broke through with fancy footwork but just missed with his shot.

Chris Kalafatidis matched Pillans' effort with a shot a long run but Crook held the ball at his second attempt.

The second half started with Crook making another save, this time from Ollerton who had run onto a good pass from **Mike Pye.**

French and Kosmina tried for goal and then Kent made a monkey out of **David Jones** on a long run down the wing before crossing the ball to French who was unable to profit from Kent's good work.

Kosmina, who had earlier been in trouble over arguing, was shown the yellow card by referee **Jim Dixon** after fouling Kalafatidis.

Suddenly the crowd started cheering and clapping. They were welcoming back Cummings who was warming up on the line, preparing to replace **Jim Alexiou.**

There was a humorous interlude in the South Melbourne goal where Jack Reilly dragged **Nick Pantelis** along the ground, trying to get him off the pitch.

Pantelis, who had netted the ball after the whistle, was obviously feigning injury.

Kosmina started a fine attacking move for West Hellas by beating both **Anton Dosen** and Kalafatidis before crossing the ball short to Pillans who headed it down to **Barry Reynolds.**

Cummings scored his equalising goal eight minutes after coming onto the ground. It was more a cross than a shot, but it went into the net, and that's all that mattered.

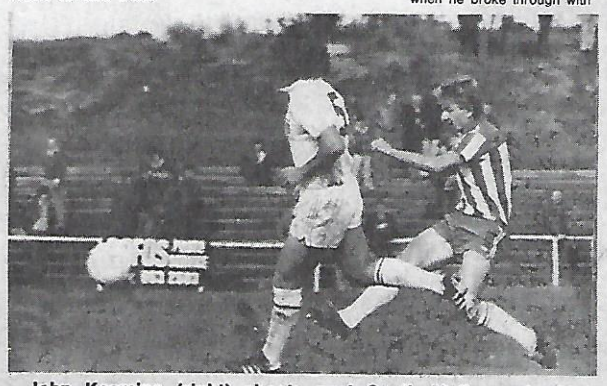
Two years ago at Olympic Park, Cummings also scored with his first kick of the game. It was in his international debut, against China and his goal gave Australia a 1-0 victory.

Moments after Cummings had equalised for South Melbourne, Dixon was called over to the line by linesman **Colin Tuffield** who had earlier spotted Cummings fouling an opponent behind play. Dixon showed Cummings the yellow card.

Boyle scored the winning goal for West Adelaide four minutes later, and to make matters worse for South Melbourne, defender Arthur Xanthopoulos went down injured for the second time and is now doubtful for this week's game.

Duncan Cummings

David Jones of West Adelaide beats Chris Kent to the ball.



John Kosmina (right) shoots past South Melbourne's Chris Kalafatidis.

Tight marking hampers Alston's art

By PETER SCOTT

St. George 2 Canberra 0

The cold and miserable band of soccer fans huddled together at Wentworth Park last Sunday could be excused for wondering at how Canberra managed to defeat championship chasers Marconi four days earlier.

For, if the truth be known, Johnny Warren's men looked anything but a soccer team with serious ambitions when defeated 2-0 by St. George.

If one wishes to be benevolent, perhaps the kindest interpretation of City's almost total "short circuit" may be that they are simply not up to two tough games in a week in their present tender stage of development.

St. George, looking ambitious and quite sharp for long periods could have won by a much more convincing score.

Once it became obvious that **Adrian "Noddy" Alston** was not going to pose any sort of serious threat all that remained in question was the final scoreline.

Under the watchful eye of Socceroo coach **Jimmy Shoulder** in the stands, Alston was obviously out to please.

Alas, one of his potential team mates in the national side, **George Harris,** doggedly shadowed him throughout the 90 minutes, giving the popular "Noddy" little chance to display his prodigious talents.

It only went to prove the adage that even the best players can be neutralized by a fit, determined defender of only limited flair.

If Shoulder was looking for flair there was an abundance of it displayed at another, and somewhat unexpected quarter.

Dough Utjesenovic, for so long a permanent fixture in the Socceroo defence, was virtually written off following serious cartilage operations last year — memories of injuries sustained on the national squad's world tour.

For months many watched with pity as Dough hobbled around, but suddenly he is back in the big time and nearing his old best.

"It's up to Jimmy Shoulder, but I am ready to fight for a place in the World Cup squad as soon as some outstanding financial matters between me and the ASF are cleared up," he said immediately after Sunday's game.

St. George raced to a 2-0 lead that proved to be a winning margin with effortless ease.

In the 17th minute Phil O'Connor outwitted the defence and rounded goalie **Ron Tilsed** to slot home the first one.

It wasn't until five minutes from half time that **Peter Hensman** scored the goal that wrapped it up.

The spadework was done by **Mark Jankovics,** St. George's outstanding frontrunner on the day, who got behind the defence and sent in a low ball from the bye-line, which Hensman easily tucked away.

Canberra's best, and almost only, chance came in the 55th minute — and was the result of a defensive blunder.

Alston sent in a rather harmless looking header, which goalie **Martin Coe** somehow managed to fumble, but to his relief Utjesenovic was on the spot to boot it off the line.

Utjesenovic left his calling card at the other end, too, blasting in a murderous free kick in the 63rd minute which Tilsed just managed to push around the upright.

However, this wasn't much consolation for a ragged looking Canberra City.

Phil O'Connor — scored for St Geoge. Alexander's Vince Bannon (left) tackles JUST's Andy Kazi in the big game at Olympic Park on Sunday.

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BANNON TOPS IN ALEXANDER'S $350 VICTORY

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Pat Bannon thrashed J.U.S.T. in midfield and as a result Alexander now has an outside chance of finishing in second place.

Theoretically, Alexander could even win the championship. It would have to win its three remaining games while Hakoah drops five points and Marconi four.

While that's highly unlikely, second place is a distinct possibility. Alexander meets Marconi in Sydney on Sunday week and if it wins, Alexander will trail Marconi by only one point.

The following week Marconi faces J.U.S.T. in Melbourne and, despite its poor performance against Alexander, J.U.S.T. has the talent to beat Marconi.

Alexander would have to beat St. George at Middle Park the same day to climb into second place.

Meanwhile, coach **John Margaritis'** immediate aim is to beat Brisbane City at Middle Park on Sunday.

City's brilliant defender **Jim Hermiston** will prove a headache for Alexander but not even he can prevent the locals from winning.

After all, Alexander has lost only one of its past 11 games.

Marconi did the Alexander men a big favor by thrashing them 8-1 at Middle Park 12 weeks ago. The humiliation gave rise to a fierce determination to succeed. Coach Margaritis has the team playing aggressive, disciplined soccer and of course the bonuses help as well.

Apparently each player received $350 for beating J.U.S.T. on Sunday.

J.U.S.T. scored first when **Dragan Vasic,** playing only his second game since arriving from Yugoslavia, headed home a corner by **Joe Palinkas** in the 12th minute.

Only good goalkeeping by **Peter Blasby** kept Alexander in the game during the next 10 minutes.

Somehow he managed to stick a leg in the way of Vasic's shot after **Jim Milne** had sent **Ristovski** away with a great pass.

And Blasby saved again from Ristovski who had a fine shot from inside the penalty area.

The It all changed.

Pat Bannon took over in midfield and Alexander's "second wave" forwards, Jim Campbell and Andrew Bozikas, became more and more prominent.

J.U.S.T. was keeping a close check on the "first wave," **Branko Buljevic** and **Gary Cole,** but was helpless against the men coming from deeper positions.

Bannon let the ball do his running for him. His passes were always accurate and imaginative.

In contrast, J.U.S.T.'s star midfielder **Joe Picioane** held the ball far too long and as a result, he always lost it. **Frank Micic** couldn't get into the game, which left **Mirko Rujevic** to battle on alone in midfield.

With no-one winning the ball in midfield, wingers **Mendo Ristovski** and **Joe Palinkas** did not get the service they need to dominate the way they usually do.

To make matters even worse, Ristovski and Palinkas were, for some reason, playing on the wrong sides.

Alexander equalised in the 25th. minute. Pat Bannon sent Bozikas away with a good pass and Bozikas' shot landed in the net.

Four minutes later Bozikas raced away on another good ball from Pat Bannon on the left wing. With no other J.U.S.T. players in sight, **Andy Kazi** had no option but to foul Bozikas, resulting in a penalty to Alexander

Ken Taylor took the shot but goalkeeper Dennis Boland saved brilliantly by leaping to his top left corner.

Cole and Campbell came close to scoring for Alexander after half time and then Blasby showed his class again by stopping a certain goal by Vasic.

In the 65th minute **Arthur McMillan** crossed and Campbell capped a fine run off the ball by heading into the net to put Alexander into the lead.

Margaritis had replaced **Vince Bannon** with **Jim Tansey** at half time. J.U.S.T. coach **Cedo Cirkovic** also made a change, bringing on **John Nicolaides** for **Frank Micic** in the 69th. minute.

Andy Kazi, who had a bad day, accidentally kicked the ball into Buljevic's path. Buljevic shot quickly but too high.

J.U.S.T. 1 Alexander 3

Moments later Buljevic headed a corner down to **Bob Provan** for a great scoring chance but Provan didn't have the control to do anything with it.

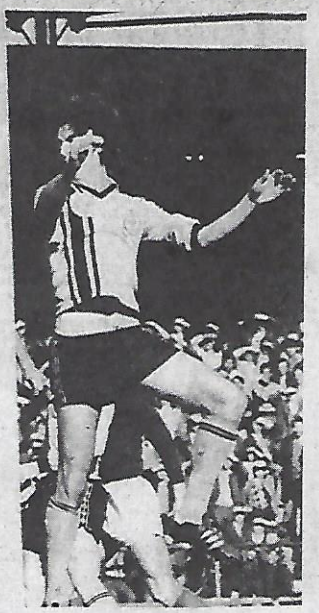
Jim O'Reilly, who had done a fine job in Alexander's defence, limped off with an injured ankle in the 73rd. minute, to be replaced by **Nick Rakovalis.**

Then Ristovski wasted a scoring chance by holding the ball too long while at least four team mates were running free, calling for it.

A flurry of action by the J.U.S.T. forwards after a free kick from Kazi saw a shot by Palinkas deflected and the follow-up by Nicolaides bounce off a defender for a corner.

In the 83rd. minute Boland turned a shot by Bozikas for a corner. Taylor took the corner and Pat Bannon headed it home expertly for Alexander's third goal.

Two minutes from the end Tansey put the ball into the net in a move started by Buljevic, but it was offside.



Striker Dragan Vasic (left) heads J.U.S.T. into the lead, as the ball eludes Alexander's Bob Provan (right). Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T. tackles his former team mate Branko Buljevic, now of Alexander.

Hermiston just as good at left back

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane City jumped two places up the ladder when it overpowered young Sydney Olympic 3-0 at Perry Park.

The result was an almost perfect revenge for City's 4-0 loss to Olympic in the first round.

City coach **Nereo Saftich** instigated some successful positional changes by leaving midfielder **Roberto Echeverria,** the previous week's hero against Western Suburbs at sweeper, despite **Jim Hermiston's** return from injury.

Hermiston dispelled any doubts about his fitness with another masterly display, this time at left back, where this classy man reached such great heights with Aberdeen in Scotland.

Saftich's forward line of **Kevin Caldwell, Willie Conner** and **Ian Johnston** was the same which carried City to victory in last year's Brisbane premiership and grand final.

Olympic had rare opportunities to trouble **Osvaldo Borzi** in the first half, with only **Joe Senkalski, Alec Jamieson** and the hard-working **Mike Cross** showing any real initiative.

But with Echeverria maintaining his great form in his new-found position and the usual support from **Peter Tokesi** and skipper **Ian Rathmell,** City enjoyed most of the proceedings, although they waited until a minute from half time for the first goal.

Caldwell fed **Frankk Pimblett,** and the chunky midfielder lifted a perfect cross into the area, where **Willie Conner** deceived **Gary Meier** by cleverly diverting a shot into the farm corner with the outside of his right foot.

City picked up the second half where they had left off by grabbing No. 2 inside two minutes.

Brisbane C. 3 Olympic 0.

Rathmell's long pass sent Caldwell scurrying down the right wing and his cross eluded two defenders before Johnston came rattling in to barge the ball home.

City made it 3-0 13 minutes later, with the help of a Conner corner and a bad lapse by Meier.

Tokesi knocked a spinning header onto the ground, it rebounded to Meier but the big 'keeper let it whip off his chest into the right hand corner.

But Meier proved that form wrong a few minutes later when he produced possibly the save of the season to deny City their fourth goal.

Conner laid a pass back to Pimblett and Meier came from nowhere to become airborne and nudge Pimblett's blistering shot just over the bar.

Borzi produced a similar feat when he lunged to pluck down a good shot from **Cross** but later also had the jitters when he failed to snaffle a long range shot from Jamieson.

Olympic came back into the picture when City eased the pressure but coach **Kaz Kulak** spent most of the second half with his head in his hands, after witnessing some woeful shooting from his young strikers.

Fine defence and a Buljevic goal

By CHARLES FRANK

The elusive Branko Buljevic strengthened his claim to a place in the Australian squad with another sound performance against Western Suburbs last Wednesday night.

He teamed up with the effervescent **Gary Cole** to pose a constant threat to Wests' defence in this fast-moving and evenly contested game.

Alexander certainly played it defensively, relying on breakaways for their attacks and in the end their tactics paid off handsomely.

The goal-shy Wests were superior in midfield, but despite a glut of possession their attacks crumbled before a blanket of defence so effectively executed by **Vince Bannon, Arthur McMillan** and **Jim O'Reilly.**

Peter Blasby was in great touch in Alexander's goal, making two great saves which denied Wests any score.

Whenever Wests broke through — and the occasions were rare indeed — their shots were miles off target.

Mark Samuels, who came in as a replacement, fired a sizzling shot from 25 metres in the 31st minute. It flew on a line just under the crossbar, but Blasby made a splendid save.

However the unluckiest man of the match was **Andy Bozikas,** who broke free three minutes from half-time and saw his lob over **Terry Eaton's** head miss by an inch as it hit the bar on its way out of play.

After the interval Wests missed an open goal when **Col Curran** broke down the wing to put a perfect pass through the middle, only to see it wasted by **Alan Ainslie** with a hurried shot over the bar from 12 metres.

West Subs 0, Alexander 1.

Straight from the ensuing goalkick came the break for Alexander with a high ball to **Buljevic,** who caught Wests' defence napping.

He eluded one tackle from Wests' defence and then let fly with a hard left-foot drive, which left the advancing Terry Eaton helpless.

After this goal Wests threw everything into attack and **Peter Blasby** made another splendid save in the 66th minute from a hard drive by **Clive Eaton.**

With Wests on the rampage in an attempt to make up the leeway, Alexander tightened their rearguard further, making a number of desperate but successful saves as the minutes ticked by.

Mariani and Sharne on the rampage

By ALAN ROSS

Inevitably the difference between the teams was at the front, where Marconi was superior.

Bert Mariani poked in two and **Peter Sharne** one, and Wests just could not find the men to put the clamps on the rampaging Sharne.

Marconi coach **Rale Rasic** needled him back to form by announcing as late as Friday night that he had been dropped, but out he trotted with the team for a warm up at 10 to three.

Maybe Sharne's roasting also helped Mariani, as he was all but home for a hat-trick on a couple of occasions.

With little drive up front, Wests found the ball coming back to midfield and defence and they cracked well and truly.

Wests' only forward of note was **Graham Norris.** He accepted a salutory warning about an early tackle from **Tony Boskovic,** and made sure that he did not offend from there.

Norris put in some telling passes, but all to no avail.

The pitch had been affected by rain. Players were a bit tentative on the turn and this upset the standard of play, particularly in the first half.

Wests' big mistake was the one that brought them more pressure than they could bear.

The dallied with their passes at the back and gained little room to get the ball away, giving the Marconi centre line the chance to come in and recover possession.

Why they did not change to some long balls when the position became obvious is hard to understand.

Ernie Campbell was the first of four players to limp off injured, being replaced by **Richie Williams** in the 30th minute.

Williams looked too slow for a start, but he produced his usual resolution as the game went on.

Five minutes later **Barry Jones'** leg gave in and **Stuart Robertson** took his place.

Wests later replaced **Dodd** with **Hardes,** and **Perry** with **Rowden,** and young Rowden soon found just what long-loping Peter Sharne can do as he ran the Wests youngster into the ground.

Full marks to **Mike Laing** for blooding a couple of players for next season when the result was surely against him, although it remains difficult to see why **Mark Samuels** is not the first man on.

Marconi 3 Wests 0.

Wests settled into some good football early in the second half and pinned Marconi deep into their own territory.

This was the one time in the game that Wests put it together properly, but when **Col Curran** missed with a good quick drive at goal in the 64th minute and **Clive Eaton** hit past four minutes later, the tide was about to turn.

Mariani scored from Ray Richards' pass in the 71st minute, and the game was really over.

His first goal came in the 45th minute. **Rooney** deserved to score when he slipped through to hit the base of the upright with no Wests' man within miles, and Mariani came in to net.

The first goal was Sharne's as **Ainslie** let Rooney get away with the ball and Sharne was perfectly placed to receive an intelligent Rooney pass that swept across goal from left to right.

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National B team — three possibilities

A Victorian soccer official has made the worthwhile suggestion that the ASF consider forming a national B team to provide a larger pool of representative players.

The Reverend Tibor, founder of Victorian club Williamstown Inter, said: "There is no shortage of players from which to form a B team.

"If our regular side played two or three times against a B side before our next World Cup game against Kuwait, soccer fans would see new stars emerge and also some surprises!

"In this way, coach Jim Shoulder would be presented with the alternatives which must be available before he can eliminate some of the players not good enough to represent Australia.

"As a result, our national team would be much stronger."

Taking up the Rev. Tibor's suggestion, "Soccer Action" writers came up with three possible B teams — one with a Sydney flavor, one with a Melbourne flavor and one with an Adelaide flavor.

They are:

ADELAIDE: Crook (WA-Hellas); Reynolds (WA-Hellas), Lister (Juventus), Matic (Juventus), Degney (Marconi); Muniz (Juventus), Perin (Juventus), Rogers (Sth Melb Hellas); McGregor (WA-Hellas), Smith (Hakoah), Buljevic (Alexander).

SYDNEY: Meier (Olympic); Mullen (Hakoah), Lister (Juventus), Kondarios (J.U.S.T.), Degney (Marconi); Stevenson (Hakoah), Gnavl (St. George), Rogers (Sth Melb Hellas); Watson (Hakoah), Smith (Hakoah), Buljevic (Alexander).

MELBOURNE: P. Clarke (Slavia); Pye (SM-Hellas), Kondarios (J.U.S.T.), Lister (Juventus), Degney (Marconi); Picioane (J.U.S.T.), Rogers (SM-Hellas), Stevenson (Hak); Palinkas (J.U.S.T.), Buljevic (Alexander), Kent (SM-Hellas).

Only eligible players have been included. Doug Utjesenovic, Ray Richards, Richie Bell and Todd Clarke have been omitted because they are rumored to be soon included in the national squad anyway.

Barkers to get better: Edgley

Mooroolbark may have had a disappointing first season in the national league but the club is confident of much better things in 1978.

Coach **Brian Edgley** says: "With two or three new players we'll be challenging for honors next year."

The 1976 season hasn't been a complete waste for the Barkers.

At least four of their players showed that they can survive among the best in the league.

They are the **Ontong** brothers, **Geoff** and **Paul**, utility player **Alan Pongho** and young full back **Max Irwin.**

Geoff Ontong has been the club's biggest success.

A fringe player seeking a transfer last year, Geoff played some great games at left back under former coach **Archie Campbell** early in the year.

Geoff Ontong (right) tackles Peter Sharne of Marconi.

He got even better when the new coach, **Brian Edgley,** switched him to the sweeper's position.

Geoff's greatest asset is his speed — hence he was used to mark one of the league's fastest forwards, **Peter Sharne** of Marconi — and he did it well.

Only 23 years old, Geoff comes from South Africa where he played for Young Aces and represented his country at under 18 level.

On arrival in Melbourne with his family, he joined Mitcham United along with his brother Paul, and both played there until joining Mooroolbark three years ago.

Paul is three years younger than Geoff and has represented Victoria at under 18 and under 23 levels.

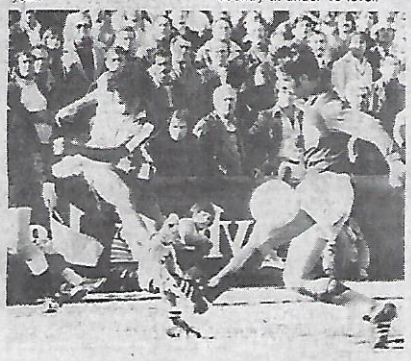
Runner-up in the Victorian Rothmans Medal voting in 1975, and also in **"The Age"** award, he has this year been Mooroolbark's most effective forward although last year a knee injury put his career in jeopardy.

Alan Pongho, 23, 5ft. 10ins., joined Mooroolbark from Ringwood Wilhelmina six years ago, after playing for the Victorian under 16 team.

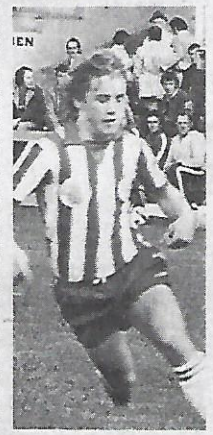
He has been an excellent left back all year and was equally effective when used in midfield.

Max Irwin, 18, joined Mooroolbark early this year from English club Coventry City. A former Irish junior international, Irwin really blossomed when switched by Edgley from midfield to right back. Who will forget his incredible game against West Adelaide Hellas at Esther Park?

If these four continue to improve, the future should be bright for Mooroolbark, especially when imports **Barrie Fairbrother, Paul O'Riley** and **Nick Lowe** are integrated into the team.



Paul Ontong gets in a shot against Andrija Ristic of J.U.S.T.



Max Irwin

JUVE NEEDS TOUGH GUYS

Wanted: A couple of tough guys who will go in and get the ball. Apply to Adelaide Juventus Soccer Club.

With stars like **Agenor Muniz, John Perin, Zoran Matic** and **Gary Marocchi** in its side, Juventus is among the most skilful outfits in the land.

But on coach **Edmund Kreft's** own admission, the team does not have the tough guys to complement the ball artists.

Hence, hardy ball winners are on top of Juventus' shopping list for next season.

Juventus is an ambitious club, as it showed in its excellent team building this year, and its aim next year will be to overcome the faults that have prevented it from winning the 1977 championship.

It remains to be seen whether Juventus will keep defender **Bugsey Nyskohus** and striker **Peter Kowalski,** who have been signed on loan from Lion Adelaide.

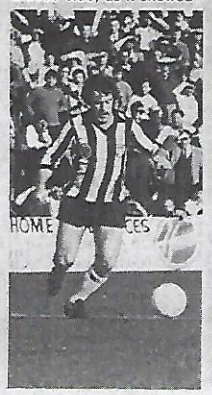
Both would be valuable men next year.

Dixie Deans will go home to Scotland during the off-season but Juventus officials assure the team's supporters that Deans will be back for the new season to score match-winning goals.

Meanwhile, **Brian Northcote** continues to improve and mature and 20-year-old goalkeeper **Peter Marshall** from Birkalla is providing **Roger Romanowicz** with plenty of competition for a permanent place in the first team.

Marshall has the potential to become Australia's very best goalkeeper.

John Nyskohus lost form after a bright start during which he scored regularly but he is bound to improve.



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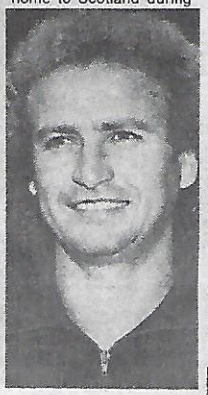
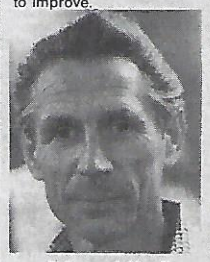


Agenor Muniz



Edmund Kreft

Juventus' promising goalkeeper Peter Marshall saves (above), Ken Taylor of Alexander.

CALLAGHAN IN AT 35

Veteran Ian Callaghan, at 35 years of age, has been recalled to boost England's fading world cup Soccer hopes by caretaker manager Ron Greenwood.

Callaghan, veteran of 12 successive years of European football, was called up by Greenwood together with five of his Liverpool colleagues for the friendly game with Switzerland at Wembley this week.

But Callaghan's skills and experience are being injected into the squad for England's two final World Cup qualifying ties in Luxembourg next month and against Italy in November.

Announcing Callaghan's selection, Greenwood said: "He represents all that is good in football.

"He plays it simple, he has good positional sense, great movement, and he has great character. Age doesn't make any difference."

Callaghan said: "I had given up all hope of ever playing for England again so this news is beyond all my expectations. Life is full of surprises, even for a player of my age."

It appears Greenwood plans to pick all six Liverpool players to form the nucleus of the international side.

The England squad is: goalkeepers: Ray Clemence (Liverpool), Peter Shilton (Stoke): Defenders: Phil Neal (Liverpool), Trevor Cherry (Leeds), Emlyn Hughes (Liverpool), Dave Watson (Manchester City), Brian Greenhoff (Manchester United).

Midfielders: Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Ray Kennedy (Liverpool), Ian Callaghan (Liverpool), Ray Wilkins (Chelsea), Brian Talbot (Ipswich): Forwards: Kevin Keegan (SV Hamburg), Trevor Francis (Birmingham), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Stuart Pearson (Manchester United), Gordon Hill (Manchester United), Mick Channon (Manchester City).

Ian Callaghan

Roger Mervic dies

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s long-serving masseur Roger Mervic died at the Peter McCallum Clinic on Sunday. He had been ill for about four weeks.

Mervic spent 15 years with J.U.S.T. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

He will be sorely missed by the committee and players of J.U.S.T.

Club president Tony Kovac said: "We have lost a great personality. Roger was one of our finest clubmen. We extend our sympathy to his family."

Mulcahy appeal

A final amount of $49 towards the Andy Mulcahy appeal has been received through "Soccer Action."

An amount of $5 from Mr. Kurt Defris and $44 from Park Rangers players brings the total from soccer supporters to about $450.

The appeal for former Park Rangers star Paddy Mulcahy and his family was started after his home at Trentham was burned down in May.

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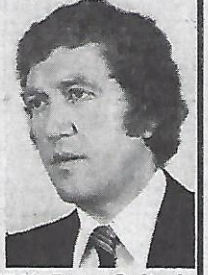

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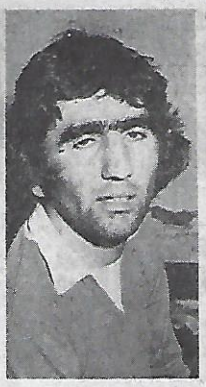
Ken Reed — four goals against Frankston.

Peter Czapnik — three goals against Green Gully.

Andy Segi sent off



Fred Dimitriou sent off

Tom Cumming sent off

TRAUMATIC TIMES FOR GEORGE CROSS

Victorian State League round-up by LES SHORROCK.

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Reed 2) SUNSHINE CITY 2 (McRobert 7, Pocock 26).

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6, McConville 7, Cutajar 5, Webb 6, Kelly 5, Wilkinson 6, Lawler 5 (Ebini 65, 4), Murphy 6, Reed 6, Barron 6, Walker 5.

SUNSHINE CITY: Scholten 6, Mussel 6, Howe 6, Nelson 8, Dixey 6, Banagan 6 (McLeish 80), McRobert 6, Cumming 7, Piotrowski 6, Gilmour 5 (sub Lewis 67), Pocock 6.

Sunshine quite deservedly won this game on Wednesday night, and this second defeat in succession has cast doubts on Georgie's Championship prospects.

It had been a traumatic eight days for Georgie.

Last Wednesday week, it was sitting on top of the League, with a seemingly unassailable lead, then came the fracas at the Hakoah game, coupled with the sending-off of **Murphy.**

Then, defeat at the hands of Altona City, two year suspension for **Robert Cullen** and another defeat, and suddenly the lead has shrunk to one point.

To add to their woes, the club committee faces charges over spectator behaviour tonight, and there is the prospect of civil action over **Bill Jordanou** too.

Georgie on Wednesday missed the two wingers, **Cullen** and **Peter Ebini** who were dropped.

But having said that, let me take nothing away from Sunshine, who, like Altona before them, never let Georgie rest.

Those Sunshine players chased and ran all night in characteristic Sunshine fashion.

Georgie had a tremendous start too, when **Ken Reed** scored after only two minutes and forty seconds.

He picked up the ball on the corner of the box, walked past two defenderes unchallenged and planted the ball coolly past **Scholten's** left hand.

Some sides would have wilted, but Sunshine shrugged off the goal, and only five minutes later **Jim McRobert,** playing deep in the midfield, collected a ball, carried it a few yards and cracked it with HIS RIGHT FOOT into the top corner.

Sunshine supporters looked at each other in disbelief, for they couldn't believe that Jimmy had a right foot!

From then on, as Sunshine grew in confidence, Georgie looked less and less likely to win.

Ray Pocock administered the coup de grace when he nodded home a good cross from **Terry Banagan** after the Georgie defenders fiddled about with a ball that should have been cleared first time.

Sunshine had more chance than Georgie in the second half and always threatened danger.

Tom Cumming, Kaz Piotrowski and **Ray Pocock** always looked more likely to score than their George Cross counterparts.

In fact Piotrowski must still be wondering how he didn't score.

Piotrowski was also unlucky when he was chopped down from behind on the edge of the box with only Kastner to beat.

Tom Cumming, for some strange reason, was started off at outside left, which made **McConville's** task all the easier, as he knew that Tommy would have to go inside to beat him.

When Cumming switched over to his favourite side, he was much more menacing.

JUVENTUS 3 (Smith 31, Watkins 34, Lucchesi 65)

RINGWOOD C 1 (Luyten 7).

JUVENTUS: Graham 6, Della Rocca 6, Bannon 6, Walker7, Sabbadini 6, Watkins 7, Sabidussi 4, Armstrong 4, Smith 8, C. Lucchesi 3, Hotson 6.

RINGWOOD: Kreskas T. 5, Passman 6, Verniers 6, O'Callaghan 6, De Bruyckere 5, Garthwaite 6, Plumb 5, Luyten 5, Eggers 4, Krekas G. 3 (sub Brown), Curulli 3 (sub Pendry 4).

Juventus duly beat Ringwood City on Saturday as befitted its position in the four, but the game was a very poor advertisement for the State League.

Only four of the twenty-two players on view would have kept a regular place in the average State League team of say, four years ago, and certainly neither of these two sides would have troubled the top four of last year, so badly did they play.

The Juventus fans want to make up their minds as to what they want.

Last year Juve finished tenth, a disgraceful effort.

This year it is a certainty for the four, but the fans shout abuse more than praise, because there aren't enough Italians in the team.

The fans should consider themselves lucky that there aren't, for the only Italian players who pull their weight are **Pat Della Rocca** and to a lesser extent, **Serge Sabbadini.**

The rest have no stomach for a hard game, but if they are dropped, there is uproar, from Committee and fan alike.

As for National League, they can forget it.

The present wooden spooners, Moorooibark would eat them alive.

The Juventus players started off as though the game was only a formality, but were soon jolted out of their complacency when Ringwood had the ball in the net through **John Luyten,** who banged home a partially cleared corner from **Curulli.**

Fortunately for Juve, **Charlie Smith** doesn't know the meaning of defeat and he was into everything, and eventually equalised after 31 minutes.

Mick Watkins, once Juve decided to follow the coach's pre-match instructions and ply the wingers, started to give the inexperienced Ringwood backs nightmares, and then cunningly chipped a ball over the diminutive **'Krekas'** head for the second.

If Ringwood is seriously considering playing Krekas in future, it might be worthwhile applying to the V.S.F. to have the crossbar lowered at his end, as it isn't fair the way things are at the moment.

But then, does Ringwood take the State League seriously anyway?

So Juve went in at half-time 2-1 up, and eventually scored again, after an amazing episode when **Mick Watkins** outsped the opposition and shot past Krekas, only to hit the crossbar.

The ball rebounded on to Krekas' back and then over the line, but the portly **Mr Beazleigh,** well behind the play, didn't see it and the ball was booted out for a corner.

Claud Lucchesi scored from the corner, so in a way, justice was done.

Then we were treated to a two-act farce when Juventus wanted to substitute **John Luccheai** for **Jim Armstrong,** who seemed totally disinterested in the game.

Lucchesi went to the touchline alone, but Armstrong waved him away, and the referee decided to play on, so Lucchesi retired baffled to the bench.

Five mintues later, Lucchesi tried again, this time accompanied by an official in a flatcap, it having stopped raining.

But once again Armstrong waved them away, and eventually Lucchesi retired to the dressing room.

HAKOAH 1 (Marshall 7) PRESTON 1 (McGifford 60).

HAKOAH: O'Hara 8, Rainey 7, Valli 6, Gadsby 6, Baker 6, McNeil 5, Nagy 5, Greenwald 5 (sub Ferguson), Roberts 6, Blair 6, Marshall 5.

PRESTON: Laumets 6, Trajkowski 6, Petrovski 6, Fox 5, Brewerton 6, Campbell 7, McGifford 6, McClymont 5, McMorran 6 (sub Petrov), Flaherty 6, Beech 5.

A much reshuffled, inexperienced Hakoah side did well to hold the powerful Preston at Middle Park on Sunday.

Hakoah coach **Mike Mandalis,** desperate for a goal experimented with **Les Nagy** as a front runtmer with **Bruce Roberts** and **Alec Marshall,** and indeed, Marshall did break the drought with a goal after seven minutes.

After that, Preston slowly got a stranglehold on the game, but was foiled time and again by the brilliance of **O'Hara** and good defensive work by **Rainey, Valli** and **Gadsby,** playing in the unaccustomed role of centre-back.

O'Hara was at his abrasive best, handling the ball safely and organising the Hakoah defence superbly.

He was a trifle unlucky with Preston's equaliser, which came when **Colin McGifford** accepted a **Tommy Fox** free-kick and struck the ball hard and low into the corner of the net, off the post.

Preston looked like a side with bags of talent, but no harmony, and the players spent as much time arguing with each other as they did chasing the ball.

POLONIA 4 (P. Czapnik 30, 51 72) GREEN GULLY 0

POLONIA: Sierokowski (sub Ostrowski), Dimitriou (sent off), Jaworski, A. Czapnik, Koter, P. Czapnik, Nierobisz, Horfiniak, Esposito (sub Menichelli), Herman, Lipiarski.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, P. Banagan, Thompson, Berens, Donaldson, Vassallo (Tribuzio), McGill (sent off), Patton, Segi (sent off), Sartro (sub Cole), Waterman.

Green Gully's players approached this game in a complacent mood and duly paid the penalty.

One man who wasn't indifferent however, was referee **Tudor Jenkins** who sent off three players.

Jim McGill left for an early shower in the first half and **Andy Segi** was sent packing in the second, along with **Fred Dimitriou** of Polonia.

Ricky Lipiarski and Peter Czapnik scored for Polonia in the first half and Peter Czapnik completed his hat-trick in the second half.

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Polonia are still in the dark regarding the clearance of Bogdan Wisniewski (pictured). Apparently his Polish club released him to play in Sydney, and the Polish F.A. is adamant that he must not play in Melbourne.

In consequence the A.S.F. had no option but to inform the V.S.F. that his cleance to Polonia Maribyrnong is cancelled.

Get that in writing

Alex Wark, recently arrived in Melbourne from Scottish Junior club Kirkintilloch Rob Roy. He has also had experience with St. Mirren and is the brother of John Wark, of Ipswich Town who is a new Scottish cap.

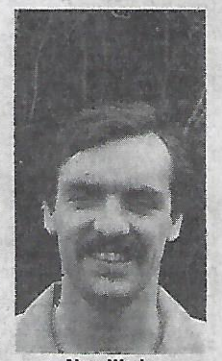
Alex has signed forms for Albion Rovers, but his application has been refused by the V.S.F. as a result of a protest lodged by **Mr Van Hoboken** of the Ringwood City club.

Mr van Hoboken claims that Wark entered into a verbal agreement, whilst still in Scotland to play for Ringwood, but Wark, who came out as a Commonwealth Nominated migrant, strongly denies that he intended to play for Ringwood or that the club has helped him in any way.

Certainly no-one from Ringwood was at the airport to welcome him and his friend **Bobby Nisbet,** who plays for Albion, came to the rescue with accommodation for his family.

Wark will appear before the Appeals committee tonight to contest the bizarre ruling by **Mr O'Connor** of the State League Tribunal that a verbal undertaking constitutes a contract to play.

If it did, of course, all the V.S.F's players' contracts would become invalid overnight and the Federation would be in chaos.



Alex Wark

This week

Everything came right for George Cross at the weekend, for whilst it was thrashing Frankston City and eliminating that club's final four chances, its nearest rival, Slavia was succumbing at home to Lions.

Now Georgie only needs a point from three games to win the championship, and Slavia goes into this week's game knowing that it must win to have the slimmest of chances.

Juventus looks to have the best chance of third place, even an outside chance of second, but faces a tough task at Preston this week.

Fourth place should be Altona's now, but it must beat Ringwood City away and then Slavia at home, whilst Sunshine plays Frankston and then Polonia, both at home.

If Both Sunshine and Altona falter, Preston has a faint chance, but must beat Juventus at home, Ringwood away and then George Cross away, a formidable task now.

FORECAST: HAKOAH V Polonia, Preston v Juventus (draw); Ringwood C V ALTONA C: SUNSHINE C V Frankston C, GEORGE CROSS V Slavia, LIONS V Green Gully.

Player of the week

The Nickleby's award, a dinner for two at Nickleby's superb restaurant in Drummond Street, Carlton, for the best player of the week, goes this week to: KEN REED of George Cross, who scored four goals.

Team of the week

VAN DER POEL (Altona)

RAINEY (Hakoah) — NELSON (Sunshine) — KERR (Lions) — McCONVILLE (George Cross)

SMITH (Juventus) — ANDREWS (Lions) — WILKINSON (George Cross)

WATKINS (Juventus) — REED (George Cross) — P. CZAPNIK (Polonia)

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Sutherland v. APIA the big one

NSW State League with ALAN ROSS

Auburn seems to have consolidated its position in the semi-finals with a 3-2 win over Granville, along with Croatia, APIA and Sutherland.

This week Sutherland v APIA at Seymour Shaw has the most meaning.

Manly faces Auburn at Cromer Park and they have improved enough to stretch Auburn, but Croatia will only be in trouble at home at Sydney Athletic Field if Arncliffe Scots have reassembled the parts of their game.

CROATIA 1 SUTHERLAND 1 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd — 2531.

Croatia's big support, spurred on by the feeling that their team needs pushing in a bid to take the premiership title and then go on further in the championship series, turned out with a vengeance.

Their team was a bit slow to make use of the early opportunities.

Things were a bit jittery because after going a goal ahead in the 33rd minute through **Bobby Russell**, they went into their shell and let Sutherland come right back at them.

Young **Craig Hall**, one of the finds of the season, scored an equaliser midway through the second half, with **John Watkiss** throwing himself into the fray and worrying the Croatian defence.

When it came to the crunch the younger Sutherland men could not keep worrying the opposing defence, and the game went out as a draw.

Scorers: Croatia — Russell, Sutherland — Hall.

AVALA 1 MANLY 2 at Soccer Centre — Crowd 303.

Young University student Ronnie Geekie put everything together in fine style to enable his team to wreck Avala's chances of reaching the semi-finals.

Also in great touch was **Hector Martinez**, who netted both goals for Manly.

Certainly there was no-one in the Avala line-up who remotely looked like putting the ball away, and the wind somehow worried them more than it did Manly.

As usual **Tom Mihajlovic** showed his wares to advantage, but no-one in the Avala line-up could read the requirements.

Segersten at last got his clearance through and was able to turn out for the Seasiders.

Scorers: Avala — Doran. Manly — Martinez (2).

BANKSTOWN 0 APIA 4 at Soccer Centre. Crowd — 463.

Bankstown opened up well enough, but their rearguard collapsed like a pack of cards when Keith Edmonds was injured and replaced.

Prior to that APIA put themselves on the victory road after half an hour when they abandoned their neat but not effective work and relied on through balls.

Terry Butler started things moving with a close-in shot following a downward slanted header by **Roy McCormack**, and it was the latter who scored APIA's final goal as well.

In between times **Norrie Porter** netted one following a corner kick, and **Horatio Ruiz** curled one in that gave **Luxford** no chance.

All in all, it was a good wind-up for **Fil Bottalico's** team with the big games drawing closer.

Scorers: APIA — Butler, Porter, Ruiz, McCormack.

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 YUGAL 0 at Berkeley Sports Ground — Crowd 325.

The match introduced a lad of precocious talents to the South Coast public in 16-year-old left-winger David Wilson, who settled in well.

It was a typical windy Illawarra day, and the blow down the park was so strong that it blew the ball right back on the defence when it was cleared.

Peter Beggs brought his tally to 11 for the season when he put the City ahead in the 78th minute with a 10 metre shot.

Beggs played well, as did veteran **Hugh Tinney**, and it was **Rudolph Kolednik** who sewed the game up in the 85th minute with Wollongong's second goal.

Yugal played no worse and certainly no better than they have done in recent weeks, but as usual they did nothing to test the opposing goalie, and on this occasion in the raw wind it was Wollongong goalkeeper **Peter Terziovski** who all but froze to death.

Scorers: Wollongong — Beggs, Kolednik.

GRANVILLE 2 AUBURN 3 at Garside Park. Crowd 225.

Paul Thomas the young Granville forward, again caught the eye with a performance that shows he will be a big asset in 1978.

Granville's keen display was not enough on the day, and Aubjrn finished at 3-2 after building up to 3-1, to virtually ensure their semi-final place.

The star performer on the day was unquestionably **Alec McMillan**, who changed from his often over-defensive self to come forward with some great balls to wreak havoc on the Granville defenders.

Gary Fairclough, only recently restored by **Joe Marston** to the green-and-gold line-up, proved himself and was one who did not particularly worry about the gusting wind.

Each side won a penalty and converted it, with the other goals falling to **Andy Tracey** and **Pat Deller** for Auburn and **Paul Haydec** for Granville.

Scorers: Auburn — Dobson, Tracey, Deller. Granville: Haydec, Selfridge.

ARNCLIFFE 0 HELLAS 1 at Seymour Shaw Park. Crowd — 140.

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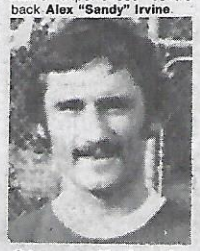
Other candidates for the major best player awards will be introduced in "SOCCER ACTION" next week.

Sandy Irvine (centre), flanked by Rale Rasic (left) and Jimmy Mackay, with souvenir sombreros from Mexico, last stop on the Socceroos' 1970 world tour.

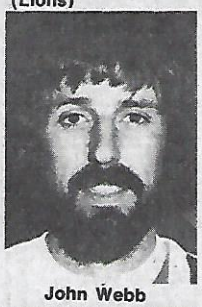
Irvine has big show

There is no clear-cut favorite for the Victorian Rothmans Medal, as there was last year when Jim Tansey of Slavia had a fairly easy victory.

One man in the running for the coveted medal is Frankston's experienced centre back **Alex "Sandy" Irvine**.



Steve Kokoska (Lions)



John Webb

A product of the Aberdeen East End Juniors in Scotland, Irvine came to Melbourne in 1970 to join Juventus.

Here he benefited greatly from playing alongside **George Kinnell** (ex-Sunderland) and **Bobby Thomson** (ex-Liverpool).

Irvine went on to represent Victoria and Australia.

He left Juventus last year and popped up with Frankston.

It was partly due to his influence that Frankston finished among the top four and thus won promotion, to fill one of the vacancies left in the State League by the departure of the national league teams.

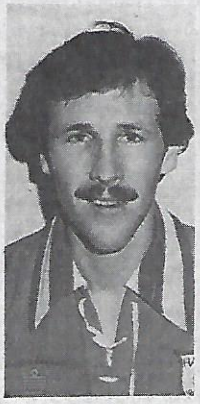
Another player in the running for the Rothmans Medal is **Steve "Butch" Kokoska** who won the Yugoslav Airlines-"Soccer Action" Player of the Year award while with Sunshine City last year.

After standing out of soccer for some time, Sunshine eventually agreed to transfer Kokoska in May of this year, and so he joined Essendon Lions for $6000.

Earlier, he had represented Victoria.

Kokoska certainly made a difference to Lions' defence and he is the forceful, conspicuous type of player who should poll well in the voting.

Another man who has caught the eye of the critics is



Mike Rainey

Hakoah's full back **Mike Rainey** who arrived during the Ampol Cup after playing in Scotland for Dumbarton and Clydebank.

And at George Cross, big **John Webb** must have a show of polling well although he'll lose votes to team mates **Billy Wilkinson, Ken Reed, Norm Maitland, Derek Barron** and **Paul Murphy.**

Webb, a towering, bearded figure who can't help but catch the eye of the referee, is one of the major reasons behind George Cross' success this year.

He previously played for Keilor-Austria.

Previous winners of the Victorian Rothmans Medal:

1971 — **John Gardiner** (George Cross).
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1973 — **Vince Bannon** (Alexander).
1974 — **Pat Bannon** (Alexander).
1975 — **David Baker** (Hakoah).
1976 — **Jim Tansey** (Slavia).

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John Kosmina (WA-Hellas)

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Two of Australia's t young players are striker J Kosmina of West Adelaide las and defender Ch Kalafatidis of South Melbo Hellas.

Both are candidates for the A Best Under 21 Player award.

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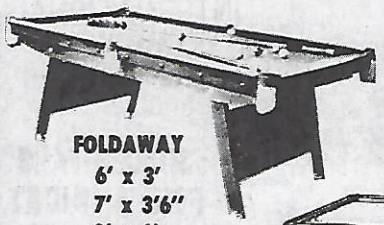

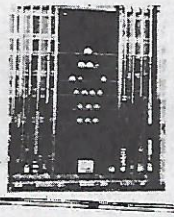

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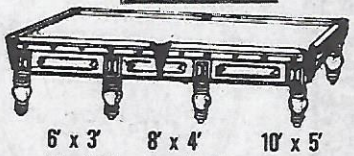

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Meanwhile, the NSW and Victorian State federations have set the dates for their respective Rothmans Medal presentation nights.

The NSW Federation will present its Rothmans Medal at the Sydney Chevron on Monday, September 26.

The Victorian presentation night will be at the Southern Cross Hotel on October 7.

The Rothmans Medals are awarded according to secret referees' votes, while Australian soccer writers vote for the ASPA awards.

Apart from awarding a trophy to the best Australian player, the ASPA will also vote for the best under-21 player and the coach of the year.

Players eligible for the best under-21 award must be under 21 years at June 30, 1977.

The ASPA will also name its All-Star team of the year, in 4-3-3 formation, according to the votes of its members throughout Australia.

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Brisbane City's Jim Hermiston (right) with Graham French of South Melbourne Hellas.

He has been such a dominant force at City that he is rated among the favorites for the inaugural ASPA Player of the Year award.

What's more, he's in the running for the Yugoslav Airlines "Soccer Action" award a trip for two to Europe.

Tony Henderson is another player from a lowly club who has a chance of taking the ASPA award.

Henderson was recruited from South Africa by Canberra City early this year.

First in defence and then in midfield, Henderson has been a champion for Canberra. National coach **Jim Shoulder** has said it's a shame that Henderson does not meet the residential requirements, otherwise he'd be in the national squad.

Ask any Hakoah supporter why the club is set to win the national league championship, and he's bound to name Murray Barnes as one of the reasons.

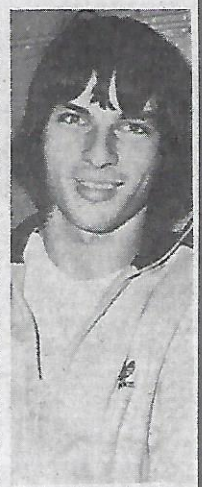
Tall and powerfully built, 23-year-old Barnes has an uncanny ability to come from behind and score devastating goals. After round 22, he and team mate **Terry Smith** were the national league's top scorers, with 12 goals each.

Barnes made his debut for the national team against China at Olympic Park, Melbourne, in 1975 and has since played 15 full international matches and scored six goals.

Goalkeepers are rarely in the running for best player awards but one who must be given a chance is Sydney Olympic's **Gary Meier** who has saved his team so often this year.

Among the Melbourne players with a chance in the voting is Footscray J.U.S.T.'s tall centre back **Jim Kondarios** who held the team together during its unlucky early period and who continues to be one of the key men in the vastly improved outfit.

Tony Henderson (Canberra).



Jim Kondarios (J.U.S.T.).

from right) smiles in disbelief after scoring Australia's winning goal ydney. The goal resulted from a Korean defensive clearance that his chest. Other Australian players, from left: Jimmy Rooney, s, Col Bennett, Attila Abonyi.

tidis or Kosmina?

Kosmina has been in the news regularly this year, as West Adelaide's top scorer and also as the saviour of the national team.

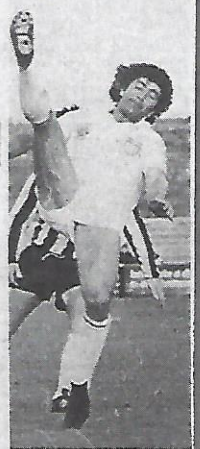
When he scored both goals in Australia's 2-1 victory over South Korea in Sydney, he became our all-time top scorer in World Cup matches.

Kosmina is a product of the Polonia-Adelaide juniors and is on loan to West Adelaide.

Kalafatidis is a product of the South Melbourne Hellas juniors.

He made his senior debut during the Victorian Ampol Cup a few years ago and is now a regular.

Kalafatidis and **Arthur Xanthopoulos** are the youngest pair of centre backs in the national league.



Chris Kalafatidis (SM-Hellas)

Abonyi at short odds

Croatia's Attila Abonyi (pictured) is hot favorite to win the NSW Rothmans Medal.

Abonyi needs no introduction. He has been an Australian super-star since scoring a hat-trick of goals for Melbourne against APIA in the 1967 Australia Cup final.

One of the greatest regrets of national league fans is that Abonyi left St George Budapest just as the national league started.

But the big league's loss was the State League's gain, for Abonyi had scored 21 goals for Croatia after 19 games.

Needless to say, Croatia is on top of the ladder.

Attila Abonyi, 30, was born in Hungary and developed his soccer with the Melbourne-Hungaria juniors.

Capped 55 times, he first represented Australia on its unbeaten 10-match tour of Asia, where he was the team's top scorer.

Abonyi is, in fact, the all-time top scorer of the national team, having notched 33 goals.

He was sold to St George in 1969 for $8000 and joined Croatia this year for the same amount.

Previous winners of the NSW Rothmans Medal:

1970 — **George Blues** (APIA).
1971 — **John Watkiss** (Hakoah).
1972 — **Manfred Schaefer** (St George).
1973 — **John McDonald** (Auburn).
1974 — **Mike Trebilcock** (Western Suburbs).
1975 — **John McDonald** (Sutherland).
1976 — **Bruce Stowell** (Pan Hellenic).

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This week's Hat-Trick Heroes:

Zarco Peric, 10, five goals (Boronia); **Craig Bakker**, 9 (Ringwood Utd); **Kenny Johnston**, 13, four goals (Brighton); **Graham Gill**, 13 (Brighton); **Garry Dobrojcer**, 13 (Brighton); **Phillip Yardley**, 14, six goals (Knox); **Mark Brooker**, 13 (Knox); **Scott Sharman**, 9 (Watsonia Heights); **Darren Butler**, 11 (Nunawading); **Craig Chapman**, 11, four goals (Oak Flats, NSW); **Robert Erdeg**, 13, four goals (Springvale); **Kevin Hall**, 14, (Doveton); **Patrick Shevlin**, 8, four goals (Melbourne); **Joey Gauci**, 13, four goals (Moe United); **Anthony Roker**, 10, (Doncaster Rovers); **Angelo Ciavarella**, 14, four goals (St. Mark's); **Philip Mack**, 9 (Greensborough); **Robert Evans**, 11 (Ringwood C.); **Wayne Wotherspoon**, 9 (Albury Hotspurs); **Wayne Weber**, 11 (North Dandenong); **Michael Malakonas**, 8, five goals (Collingwood C.); **Billy Mesley**, 9 (Caulfield C.); **John Christoforidis**, 11 (Juventus); **Frank Siciliano**, 11 (Juventus); **Robert Markovac**, 10 (Essendon Lions); **George Petrov**, 11 (Kew Park Rangers); **Adam Lovering**, 11 (Kew Park Rangers); **Dragan Stevanovic**, 13, nine goals (Kew Park Rangers); **Jason Dowie**, 6, (Nunawading); **Terry Hagenmueller**, 12, seven goals (Doveton); **Stephen McGregor**, 7, (Elizabeth West, SA).

VIC. TAKES TWO TITLES OUT OF THREE FINALS

Lou Sannipoli of Juventus was the star of the Victorian team that won the national under 18 championship in Adelaide.

So good was Sannipoli that he was named captain of the Australian all-star team chosen from boys who did well in the championships.

Other Victorians chosen for that team are EDDIE KRNCEVIC, TOM O'HALLORAN, ANDY MILLAR and GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS.

What's more, Victoria's coach BOBBY McLACHLAN was named as coach of the national side.

It was the third year in a row that Victoria had reached the final, and the second time that it had won the title.

One of the successes of the tournament was young DARYL GOOCH of Slavia. Only 15 years old, he was passed up by the selectors of the Victorian under 16 team, so McLachlan took him to Adelaide and he played in every one of Victoria's games.

McLachlan praised his team manager Jim Armstrong. "Jim was fantastic with the boys," Mr McLachlan said.

The fact that it took goal average to decide who played in the final showed the closeness of the competition.

In the preliminary rounds, Victoria defeated last year's winners Northern NSW 2-1, then defeated Queensland 3-1.

This was followed on by a 1-1 draw with N.S.W. and the last game resulted in a 1-1 draw with South Australia.

In the final Victoria met the home side, S.A. at Hindmarsh Stadium in what proved to be a thriller.

The confident Victoria team started the game as though it would be only a matter of how many goals they would win by, but the well drilled S.A. side had other ideas and in the 8th minute, following a corner kick, the Victoria defence was caught flat footed when a shot from just inside the penalty area found its way through a mass of legs to enter the net and put Victoria down 1-0 for the first time in the carnival.

This seemed to stun the Victoria team and the rest of the first half belonged to S.A. except for a magnificent header by EDDIE KONCEVIC which the SA goalkeeper, JOHN KONSTANDOPOULOUS, miraculously finger-tipped over the cross bar.

The Victorian dressing room was like a morgue at half time but the silence was shattered when coach McLachlan proceeded to read the riot act, informing each player of how they were letting not only themselves down but also Victoria.

Four minutes later Victoria were leading 2-1 when an amazing transformation came over the game.

First HORATIO MATESEVIC took a cross from the left wing in his stride and blasted the ball into the SA net.

Two minutes later the majestic Victoria captain LOU SANNIPOLI hammered an unsaveable shot past the bewildered SA keeper to put Victoria into the lead.

For the rest of the game Victoria bombarded the SA goal but some fine goalkeeping and heroic defensive work kept the score down to 2-1.

On hearing the final whistle the Victorian players were overjoyed at their sensational comeback, and it was a proud Lou Sannipoli who held the magnificent trophy high to the enthusiastic cheers and handclaps of his fellow teamates.

Players like JIMMY WILSON and TOMMY O'HALLORAN openly cried with joy as this was their first gold medal after years of trying through the junior ranks and receiving only runners-up medals.

At the reception after the game an Australian squad of 18 players was selected with each player receiving a complete Australian Kit.

The squad is:

VIC: Lou Sannipoli (Captain), Eddie Krncevic, Tom O'Halloran, Andy Millar, George Christopolous.

NSW: Tony Pezzano, Peter Hill, Alan Robertson, Peter Katholas, Ray Boulter.

SA: Gary Brown, Ian May, Adrian Poulten.

QUEENSLAND: Lloyd McLean, Ken Swan, Paul Sleight.

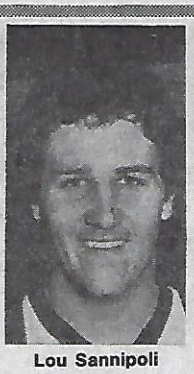
NTH NSW: Ross Lawrence, Peter Tredinnick.

Coach: Bobby McLachlan Vic.

The VICTORIA squad was:

1. Lou Tsigaris (Hellas), 2. Jeff Olver (Albion Rovers), 3. Jim Wilson (Doveton), 4. Mike Shuttleworth (Mooroolbark), 5. George Christopolous (Coburg), 6. Andy Miller (Slavia), 7. Darryl Gooch (Slavia), 8. Tommy O'Halloran (Ringwood City), 9. Ottie Toth (Melbourne), 10. Lou Sannipoli Capt. (Juventus), 11. Joe Caliendа (Juventus), 12. Eddie Krncevic Vice Capt. (Lions), 13. Horatio Matesevic (Sunshine), 14. Sandor Nagy (Hakoah), 15. Demos Koullacas (Collingwood City), 16. Nigel Plaskett (Karingal).

Goalscorers: Krncevic 3, Matesevic 2, O'Halloran 1, Sannipoli 1, Gooch 1, Plaskett 1.



Lou Sannipoli

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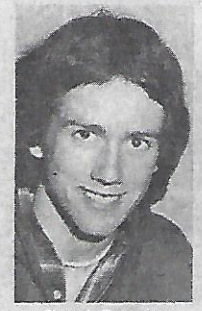

Daryl Gooch

Eddie Krncevic

105 goals and unbeaten

Latrobe Valley club Moe United has a bright future, judging by its Under-10 side, which so far this season has won the League championship and also the Local Champion of Champions title.

The side is unbeaten and has a record of 22 wins and 3 draws, 105 goals for and 5 against.

They have also qualified for the J.L.M.C. Victorian Cup semi-finals.

Moe United's cup results have been tremendous, in that they have defeated two teams which were previously undefeated.

The results have been: Healesville 2-0 w/o; Keilor-Austria 3-1; Doncaster 5-0; Peninsula 2-0; Meadow Park 2-0.

Gordon McHallam is the team's top goal scorer with 37 goals, which includes six hat-tricks.

Team captain is an outstanding midfielder in **Paul "Rusty" Fletcher,** who has been the main link in the team's outstanding record and has scored 12 goals.

Most local people regard Rusty as a future senior player, even though he is only ten years old.

The brothers Groenewald

Some brilliant play by defender Johnathan Groenewald was a highlight of the Victorian under 15s' championship win in Sydney.

Groenewald is the younger brother of **Gary Groenewald,** who played for Melbourne and South Melbourne Hellas and is now with Hakoah.

Other stars in the Victorian under 15 team were forward **Steve Cairns** and midfielder **Peter Clayton.**

Victoria started hesitantly but finished the series in top gear.

Final standings were: Victoria 13 points, Western Australia 12, South Australia 11, Queensland 9, Northern NSW 9, NSW 9, Tasmania 7, Northern Territory 3, ACT 0.

Victoria's results and scorers: v. WA 2-2, Cairns, Giocomi; v. Tasmania 3-0, Lucchetti, Sbaglia, Pinchner; v. Queensland 1-2, Little; v. Northern NSW 3-0, Cairns, Little, Pinchner; v. Northern Territory 3-0, Christoudias 2, Cairns; v. South Australia 2-0, Little, Sbaglia; v. ACT 5-0, Lucchetti 3, Christoudias, Clayton penalty; v. NSW 2-0, McNally, Little.

JOEY GAUCI — STAR OF U.14

Forward Joey Gauci of Moe United was the star of the Victorian team that won the national under 14 title.

He scored three goals and was a constant threat to opposing defences.

However, **Billy Hamill** was the team's top scorer, with four goals.

Victoria lost only one game — 1-3 to NSW.

Going into the last match, Victoria had to beat Queensland to win the title, and did so comfortably, with a score of 3-0.

Victoria's scores and scorers:

v. Tasmania 2-0, Gauci 2; v. Western Australia 1-0, Gauci; v. South Australia 1-0, Greg McLeod penalty; v. NSW 1-3, Bruno Cozzella; v. Northern NSW 4-2, Billy Hamill 2, Robert Cortese, Cozzella; v. Queensland 3-0, Hamill 2, Cortese.

The team was coached by **Jim Ballah** and managed by **Dick Featherstone.**

Final standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Victoria	6	0	1	14	5	12
Sth. Aust.	5	1	1	18	4	11
NSW	5	0	2	24	6	10
West Aust	4	1	2	12	6	9
Nth. NSW	3	2	2	24	13	8
Tasmania	1	1	5	5	20	3
Queensland	1	1	5	6	24	3
A.C.T.	0	0	7	6	28	0

Ernie and Peter for Australian XI

The Victorian Under 16s stormed into third place of the 1977 Youth Championships held in Sydney, scoring 13 goals in their last 2 games.

The Championship winners, New South Wales, clinched the title by not losing a single game; the only points they dropped were 2 draws, one against South Australia and the eventual runners up, Northern New South Wales.

The Victorian team started the competition by soundly defeating the pre-tournament favorite and last years winners, Northern New South Wales 5-2. In the next game the Victorians were rather complacent after their success of the first day and paid for their complacency by being beaten by Queensland 2-1, the goals for Queensland being scored in the last 6 minutes of the game.

The loss for Victoria showed in their performance the next day against New South Wales, where they were well beaten 5-0. In the game against South Australia, Victoria found its form by winning 2-1. Against Western Australia the Vic's drew 0-0 in atrocious playing conditions.

Against ACT, Victoria easily won 4-1 and they continued that form by soundly thrashing Tasmania 9-1 on the final day.

Victoria started the competition on a high note and also finished the competition in the same vein. Had complacency not set in after the first days victory, the Victorians could well have won the championship for the skills they displayed were admired by the gathering of coaches at such tournaments, which included the Australian National Coach, **Jimmy Shoulder** and the National Director of Coaching, **Eric Worthington.**

Ernie Toth of Melbourne was nominated as a goalkeeper for the Australin XI which is selected at the end of the tournament and **Peter Scarlett** of Sunshine City was the other selection from Victoria.

RESULTS: 1st Day: New South Wales v. Queensland 5-2, Western Australia v ACT 2-0, Northern NSW v. Victoria 2-5, South Australia v. Tasmania 1-0.

2nd Day: Western Australia v. Tasmania 6-1, New South Wales v. ACT 6-0, Northern NSW v. Sth. Australia 3-0, Queensland v. Victoria 2-1.

3rd Day: New South Wales v. Victoria 5-0, Queensland v. Sth. Australia 0-1, ACT v. Tasmania 2-0, Western Australia v. Northern NSW 1-3.

4th Day: New South Wales v. Tasmania 6-0, Queensland v. Western Australia 2-0, Victoria v. South Australia 2-1, ACT v. Northern NSW 1-3.

5th Day: New South Wales v. South Australia 0-0, Victoria v. Western Australia 0-0, Tasmania v. Northern N.S.W. 1-3, ACT v. Queensland 0-2.

6th Day: Tasmania v. Queensland 1-4, New South Wales v. Northern N.S.W. 1-1, Victoria v. ACT 41, South Australia v. Western Australia 1-4.

7th Day: New South Wales v. Western Australia 2-1, Northern NSW v. Queensland 3-1, South Australia v. ACT 2-2, Tasmania v. Victoria 1-9.

FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
NSW	5	2	0	25	4	12
Nth. NSW	5	1	1	18	10	11
Victoria	4	1	2	21	12	9
Queensland	4	0	3	13	11	8
West Aust.	3	1	3	14	9	7
Sth. Aust.	2	2	3	6	11	6
ACT	1	1	5	6	19	3
Tasmania	0	0	7	4	31	0

Mike tops with seven

Mike Petersen of Melbourne, with seven goals, was the top scorer of the Victorian team that finished fourth in the under 13 championship, won by NSW.

Other scorers: **Robert Belteky** 5, **Keith Valentine** 2, **Gordon Livingstone** and **Grek Henkel,** one each.

Final standings: NSW 11 points, Sth Australia 10, Queensland 10, Victoria 9, Western Australia 7, Northern NSW 5, Tasmania 2, Northern Territory nil.

Scores:

Round One: NSW 10 NT 0, Nth. NSW 0 Queensland 1, Victoria 7, Tasmania 1, SA 3 WA 3.

Round Two: Qsld 2 NSW 3, WA 1 Vic 2, Tas. 0 Nth NSW 3, Nth Territory 0 SA 4.

Round Three: NSW 6 Tas 0, Nth NSW 1 WA 0, Vic 1 SA 2, Qsld 6 Nth Territory 0.

Round Four: Tas. 0 Qsld 6, SA 1 Nth NSW 1, Nth Territory 1, Victoria 4, WA 1 NSW 0.

Round Five: Nth NSW 3 Nth Terr 0, Vic 0 NSW 2, WA 5 Tas 1, SA 2 Qld 2.

Round Six: NSW 1 SA 1, Vic 1 Nth NSW 0, Nth Terr 0 Tas 4, Qsld 1 WA 0.

Round Sven: Nth Terr 0 WA 2, Qsld 1 Vic 1, Tas 0 SA 9, NSW 4 Nth NSW 0.

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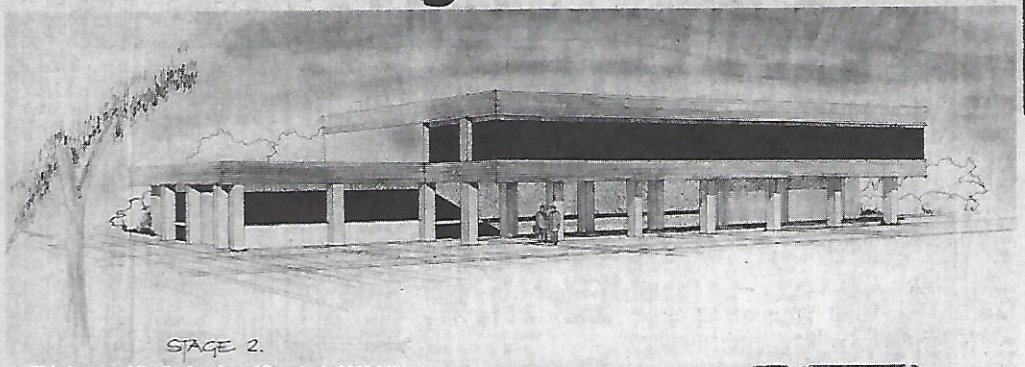
Doveton to get licenced club



This is an architect's drawing of Doveton's $335,000 licensed club on which work will start next year.

It will be the first licensed club of any sort within the Shire of Berwick.

Stage one of the building will be the ground floor which includes a bar with seating for 250. The upper floor, with seating for 600, will be added later.

Meanwhile, work is under way at Doveton's ground, Waratah Reserve, on a new, fully fenced pitch and car parking area. These are being supplied by Berwick Council.

Doveton has won the Second Division championship and will play in First Division next year.

The Doveton team, pictured at right, is left to right: Back Row: J. Briscoe, D. McMinimee, I Shanks, N. Starcevski, P Thurlow, B. Roderick. W. Riess, M. Kingsley, I. Sweeney, S. Murray, G. Coutts, R.Hamill. Front Row: G. Wilson, K. Taylor. M. Robertson. J. Wilson, J. McMinimee, N. Bonnar, S. Gaw, T. Spalding.

Goalies take the honors

By RON DARLINGTON

There were some high scoring matches this week but by all accounts there could have been even more except for brilliant performances between the sticks.

Pegasus were flattered a little by the score of 6-1 by which they won at Kodak United but now require only two points from two games to clinch the Division 1 championship or to share the points in next Sunday's match with McColl Dyname 'A' who could only manage a draw at Melbourne Meats.

McColl led 1-0 at half time through a goal scored by **Barry Horsfall** but **John Travis** equalised for the Meatmen in the second half.

Horsfall had an opportunity to snatch the winner with two minutes to play but his close range header went the wrong side of the post.

A remarkable performance was turned in by R.A.C.V. in their match against Wills. Fielding a scratch team due to injuries, RACV after being level at 3 all at half time, put it together in the second half to score four more and win 7-3.

Mark Konopka turned in a first class performance and must have been satisfied with his four goals.

Tarax also had their shooting boots on and were three up after 20 minutes against Ford Falcons, a position from which they never relaxed.

Sandor Kazi had yet another good game, even saving a penalty, but the referee ruled it had to be taken again following which, in trying to keep it out of Kazi's reach, it was placed outside the post.

Bowater Scott added to Repco Richmonds relegation worries and made themselves that little bit safer by beating them 2-1.

Public Works 'A' have regained the lead in Division 2 after beating T.A.A. 3-0, a game in which Rick Lavale starred in goal for the Workers, keeping a clean sheet and putting the pressure on Sperry Vickers who need both points from their outstanding games to win the championship following their surprising 3-1 defeat by A.C.I. Box Hill.

Man of the match was **Miguel Pena** for the Hillmen who gave an immaculate display and raised the level of the whole team.

Following their 4-0 loss to Ansett Bosch, who were the Second Division leaders for a third of the season, now find themselves in the relegation zone along with Ansett and Philip Morris who lost 0-4 at A.N.Z. Bank 'A'.

Middle Park V.R.I. 'A' completed the double over Siemens 'A' by winning 2-0 which was a better margin than the 5-4 last time they met. Colyer Watson Rovers extended their unbeaten league run to 22 matches in defeating Taxation United 1-0 and need only three points from two games to win the Division 3 title but they must be hoping the remaining matches are not as tight as the last one.

It took a solo effort by **Joe Falzon** who beat two men on his dash down the wing, before cutting in to score the winner with 10 minutes to go.

Mladen Mutic had his shooting boots on, scoring a hat-trick in Diecraft's 7-3 win over Leyland.

C.B.C. Bank returned to winning ways by overcoming Reyrolle United 4-1, but there was nothing to choose between L.E.T.S. and Fibre Containers who shared four goals and the points.

It's still neck and neck at the top of Division 4 East with Keeley United retaining the lead on goal average from McColl Dynamo 'B' who beat Tessa Town 3-1 while Keeley, after trailing 0-1 at half time, found the net on four occasions after the resumption to run out 4-1 winners over The Age.

E.S.C. Tools eached double figures against Ringwood Lanes and **Barry Burden** added four more to his tally.

Travellers Melbourne need one point from two games to be mathematically certain of the Division 4 North championship following their 6-1 win over A.H.D. in which **Andrew Nicolaou** scored a hat-trick although A.H.D. could have improved the score line with better accuracy.

Miro Crnko, who normally plays striker, went between the sticks for Repco Cooldrive and despite A.R. Split's 6-0 win, played so well it looks like he's made the position his own. The main architect of Split's win was **Ivica Cesiyar** who scored four goals.

No change at the top of Division four West with C.I.G. defeating Gascor City 4-1 and they are closely followed by James Miller who best Aquila Steel 3-0.

There was, however, a change at the bottom of the table where Middle Park V.R.I. 'B' registered their third win of the season in beating Siemens Bees 4-0 and moved above Gascor City.

Tony Boggi has quit as coach of the Victorian Industrial League representative team because of business commitments.

However, the League has been fortunate in obtaining the services of **Tony Vrzina** as coach.

HILLMEN SLIDE OUT !

Metro League round-up

First Division

ALBION ROVERS 5 v BOX HILL 2

SCORER for Box Hill — Ray Taylor 2

Box Hill team: Morgan, Lapish, Corke, Brown, Hall, Waaldyk, Cubido, McLeod, Tskalidis, Tufield, Taylor.

Box Hill hit rock bottom at the weekend.

After leading 1-0 with 10 minutes gone Box Hill went from mediocre to pathetic as Albion rattled home four goals in the remainder of the first-half to put the Hill men out of the promotion race.

CROYDON 2 DANDENONG 0

Despite overnight rain the pitch was in near perfect condition for this important Division One game.

Croydon got away to a great start when after only three minutes of play Roy Hamilton got a touch to Charlie Kelly's corner to put the home team one up.

The game see-sawed from end to end with both sides having their share of chances.

Jim Wylie showed glimpses of his old brilliance with a weaving run through the Dandenong defence but his left foot shot hit the upright.

At the other end a soft but well placed shot after a free kick brought Roy Lawton to full length to touch the ball around the post for a corner.

A well worked free kick by Croyden nearly cost Dandenong another goal, Tom Kelly made the dummy run down the wing but the kick was played to Charlie Murphy whose shot went just over the bar.

Croydon started the second half confidently. Their midfielders were in control and team work, lacking in recent weeks, was evident.

Roy Hamilton was having a good game up front, timing his jumps perfectly to lay the ball back to his team mates.

It was a well-placed header by Hamilton from a Charlie Murphy cross that could have scored but for a great save by the Dandenong keeper.

Croydon caught the Dandenong defence totally out of position midway through the half when Charlie Kelly's cross found an unmarked Jim Wylie near the penalty spot.

Wylie cleverly headed the ball over the keeper who was badly positioned half way off his line. This goal put Croydon 2 up.

Croydon got on top in the latter stages of the game and ran out comfortable winners.

Amongst Croydon's best players in a good team performance were Mike Sinclair, Roy Hamilton, Tom Kelly, Charlie Murphy and Charlie Kelly.

Unfortunately for Croydon, league leaders Albion Rovers took a giant step towards the State League when they convincingly defeated Box Hill 5-0 on Saturday. This result leaves Croydon two points behind Albion in second place.

The reserves however all but wrapped up the championship with a runaway 4-0 win against second placed Dandenong.

All the goals came in the second half of this high standard game — a hat trick from Geof Gerrish and one from reserves coach Tony Alsop.

Best for Croydon were Ludic Worechevski, Geoff Kidd, Geoff Gerrish, and Steve Hibbitt.

Next Saturday Croydon travel to Herrick's Road, Keilor, to play Keilor Austria.

KEILOR CITY 6 (Dorward 5, Paszizny)) ST ALBANS 1 (Jurcan).

Keilor City team: Schirripa, Paszizny), Presilski, Tasevski, Altheim, Leaves, De Gabriele, van Leeuwen, Dorward, Covic.

Best for Keilor: Dorward, Presilski, Leaves.

Glenn Dorward, bought from Altona City early this year, turned on a fantastic performance for Keilor City, scoring five goals in a row.

Keilor City now looks like finishing in a respectable position on the ladder after a shocking run early in the year.

The team is coached by former Polonia star Eddy Widera.

KEILOR AUSTRIA 3 (Beller 2, Meneses) WESTERN SUBURBS 1

Austria team: Schul, Grbac, Anderson, Pejkovic, Santos, Ganglmair, Stojanovic, injured, sub. Cabrera 81st., Meneses, Newton, Beller, Valensuela.

Austria takes on Croydon at Keilor this week, in a game that Croydon must win to stay in touch with First Division leaders Albion Rovers.

Western Suburbs took an early lead against Austria in the ninth minute and would have made it 2-0 had it not been for a reflex save by Fred Schul in the 16th minute.

Ray Beller equalised soon after and scored a second goal from a pass from Nestor Meneses.

It was Meneses who scored the third in the 83rd. minute.

Fourth Division

DONCASTER ROVERS 4 (Anselma 2, Williams, Forsyth) CAULFIELD 0.

Norm Hobson re-signed as coach for the 1978 season after Doncaster's big victory, its 15th of the season.

The former Shrewsbury player and Croydon and Wilhelmina Coach, assisted by Graham McIntosh, has done a great job in lifting Doncaster into Third Division.

Doncaster beat Caulfield with goals by Forsyth and Anselma in the 14th and 16th minutes. The rest was mere formality.

Caulfield played an offside trap which didn't work.

Twice Caulfield's No.4 had to catch the ball to prevent Doncaster from breaking through, and as a result he was sent off.

Williams made it 3-0 before half time and the last goal was headed home by Anselma from a cross by Keith Humble.

The reserves won 2-0 with goals by Cuilbard and Coxhill and need only two points to win the championship.

Provisional League

SOUTH DANDENONG 1 GEELONG 7.

Scorers, Sth. Dandenong: Guillemin (12 min.) Geelong: Matulich (17), Warnoch (18), Matulich (25), Ogilvie (38 pen.), Prior (42), Prior (55), Warnoch (59).

Sth Dande: Bolton, Rawlings, Savannah M., Guillemin, Borg, Savannah P. G. Kentepozidis, D'Argent J, Roussety, Malishev, Savannah J.

Geelong: Nelson, Ogilvie, Millar, Llewellyn, Neilsen, Burns, Gray, Matulich, Prior, Cooper, Warnoch, (sub Meadows).

Even though South scored a surprisingly good early goal their 'scratch' side was in no departments equal to their visitors.

For most of the game it was one-way traffic and with more calmness in front of goal Geelong might easily have reached double figures.

If this South Dandenong team is to survive, a complete re-building will be necessary.

Geelong showed this day that they were better in all ways and glaringly exposed the weaknesses in the South side.

However, it must be mentioned in fairness that due to injuries, work calls etc. this was not the full strength home team.

THIS WEEK

Albion Rovers took a giant stride towards the State League on Saturday when they trounced Box Hill and thus effectively disposed of the Hillman's threat.

This week should see Rovers keep their promotion drive going with a win against Waverley City, whilst Croydon City has to face Keilor Austria away.

Forecast: Saturday: St Albans v Springvale (draw), BOX HILL V Western Suburbs, Austria V Croydon City (draw), DANDENONG C V Keilor City: Sunday: Melbourne V ARDEER, Waverley City V ALBION ROVERS.

In Second Division, Eltham will be praying for a Brighton victory over Collingwood City, as it seems their only chance of promotion, but it would seem a forlorn prospect.

Eltham itself faces a stiff task against Fitzroy and will do well to win.

Down at the sharp end it looks like South Melbourne and Mooroolbark, with Footscray having a faint show of survival.

Forecast: ELTHAM V Fitzroy; Brighton V COLLINGWOOD C, Footscray V Ferntree Gully (draw), Mooroolbark V RICHMOND, Moreland V BELL PARK, Sth Melbourne V DOVETON.

In Third Division: Prahran's loss at Port Melbourne might prove fatal to its chances, despite a possible win this week against lowly Park Rangers but nevertheless, Prahran will have an opportunity of thwarting Port Melbourne's promotion hopes when the two meet in the postponed fixture on Saturday week.

Besides a stiff hurdle in Heidelberg, Chelsea also has to play Broadmeadows on Saturday week.

This Division is so tight that virtually any club not engaged in promotion battles is in danger of relegation.

Theoretically it is possible for any two of the bottom seven clubs to go down, but in practice, Ringwood and Yallourn look to be in most danger.

Forecast: Ringwood V BROADMEADOWS: Moorabbin V KNOX CITY: Coburg V PORT MELBOURNE: PRAHRAN CITY V Park Rangers, Heidelberg V Chelsea (draw), Yallourn V ESSENDON CITY.

In Fourth Division, Doncaster Rovers and Morwell Falcons continued on their winning way, and at the other end Ballarat is doomed to drop out, accompanied, probably, by Melbourne Uni.

Uni's next two games are against Corio (home) and South Yarra (away), while Rosebud has Doncaster Rovers (home), and Mornington (home).

Forecast Uni of Melb V CORIO, Monash Uni v CLAYTON, MORWELL FALCONS V Mornington, Rosebud V DONCASTER ROVERS, Caulfield C V SANDRINGHAM C and Ballarat V SOUTH YARRA.

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Victorian junior ladders as at August 29:

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UNDER 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	15	14	0	1	60	3	28
Green Gully	16	13	2	1	57	4	28
Albion	16	11	4	1	38	2	26
Altona	17	8	1	8	10	26	17
Melton A	17	5	6	6	19	19	16
Sun. City	17	5	4	8	11	29	14
Moonfiel	16	4	3	9	6	27	11
Ardeor	15	2	6	7	8	14	10
Werribee	16	2	2	12	5	37	6
Essendon B	17	3	0	14	1	63	6

UNDER 10A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	14	10	2	2	34	7	22
West Utd A	15	9	4	2	27	11	22
Albion	13	8	3	2	30	11	19
Melton	15	8	3	4	12	13	19
Essendon	15	6	5	4	27	20	17
Ardeor	15	3	4	8	11	26	10
Sun City	13	4	1	8	14	17	9
Werribee	16	3	2	11	11	32	8
Green Gully	14	1	2	11	6	35	0

UNDER 10B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keilor	13	10	1	2	21	3	21
West Utd B	13	8	1	4	25	10	17
West Newport	13	6	5	2	19	9	17
Juventus A	12	7	1	4	28	9	15
Altona	12	5	3	4	18	18	13
Fawkner B	13	2	4	7	7	24	8
Juventus B	13	3	1	9	6	26	7
Sunbury	13	1	2	10	3	29	4

UNDER 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion	17	17	0	0	91	3	34
Melton	15	11	1	3	29	13	23
Green Gully A	16	9	2	5	20	19	20
W. Newport	17	7	4	6	21	19	18
Keilor City	16	7	3	6	27	31	17
Altona A	17	8	1	8	16	29	17
Sun. City	16	5	3	8	23	18	13
Sun Hts	15	5	0	10	22	31	10
Keilor	16	4	2	10	15	27	10
Werribee	17	0	0	17	4	71	0

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Altona A	13	9	2	2	41	17	20
Sun Hts A	12	8	2	2	35	9	18
Geelong	13	7	4	2	31	13	18
Sunbury	13	6	5	2	22	10	17
Sun. City	13	7	2	4	41	20	16
West Sale	11	3	1	7	9	29	7
Keilor A	10	1	0	9	5	42	2
Melton	13	0	0	13	7	52	0

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essendon C	12	11	0	1	44	2	22
Green Gully	13	8	3	2	19	14	19
Moonfiel	12	5	6	1	12	9	16
Sun Hts B	13	4	3	6	21	28	11
Albion	12	3	3	6	9	14	9
Keilor B	13	4	1	8	9	20	9
Altona B	13	2	4	7	8	21	8
Ken Utd	14	3	2	9	8	21	8

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Footscray	15	11	4	0	36	3	26
Altona A	14	10	3	1	44	11	23
Sunshine Cy	14	11	0	3	46	17	22
Green Gully	13	6	5	2	22	9	17
St. Albans	16	6	0	8	19	28	16
Werribee A	15	2	5	8	9	28	10
Essendon	15	3	4	8	17	42	10
Melton A	15	2	2	11	13	44	6
Keilor City	15	0	3	12	4	34	3

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	12	11	0	1	57	9	22
Albion	14	10	2	2	50	22	22
Keilor	11	7	2	2	55	17	16
Nathan	13	7	2	4	37	19	16
Ardeor	12	4	2	6	15	31	10
Altona B	14	3	3	8	16	40	9
Melton B	12	2	0	10	20	59	4
Werribee B	12	0	1	11	4	61	1

CENTRAL

UNDER 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sth Melb A	13	12	1	0	83	3	25
Nth Dandy	11	9	1	1	48	5	19
Caulfield	12	6	3	3	40	14	15
Sth Melb B	13	4	6	3	18	16	14
Box Hill A	11	4	4	3	17	20	12
Clayton B	12	3	1	8	23	32	7
Mordialloc	12	2	2	8	18	47	6
Mulgrave	14	0	0	14	2	112	0

YARRA

UNDER 9A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	17	13	3	1	49	6	29
Nun City C	15	12	2	1	48	7	26
Mitcham	17	10	4	3	41	6	24
Mulgrave	16	9	4	3	24	9	22
Rosanna A	15	10	1	5	39	15	21
Greensboro	17	8	2	7	24	32	18
Boronia	17	6	1	10	16	30	12
Eltham	17	4	1	12	17	68	9
Diamond Ck	15	1	4	14	3	60	2
Collingwood A	16	0	0	16	2	30	0

UNDER 9B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mendow Pk A	16	14	1	1	61	11	29
Essendon A	17	13	2	2	92	7	28
Watsonia	17	12	4	1	30	3	28
Bundoora	17	9	3	5	34	23	21
Collingwood B	16	9	2	5	26	12	20
Keilor	17	7	0	10	20	27	14
Melton B	17	3	4	10	4	37	10
Mendow Pk B	16	2	2	12	2	59	6
Sunbury	16	1	3	12	4	41	5
Rosanna B	17	2	1	14	5	59	5

UNDER 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mendow Pk	16	13	3	0	61	7	29
Greensboro	17	12	3	2	38	11	27
Fawkner A	16	8	5	3	31	11	21
Rosanna	17	8	4	5	20	15	20
Moreland	16	6	5	5	19	21	17
Eltham	17	5	5	7	24	29	15
Melbourne	17	4	4	9	13	25	12
Bmeadows	16	3	5	8	16	27	11
Coburg	16	2	6	8	23	31	10
Diamond Ck	16	1	0	15	6	74	2

UNDER 11A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland A	14	13	0	1	67	7	26
Essendon	14	9	1	4	40	14	19
Mandew Pk	14	9	1	4	25	17	19
Sth Melb	15	7	4	4	51	25	18
Juventus	13	5	5	3	21	12	15
Fawkner	14	5	3	6	20	14	13
Rosanna	15	4	5	6	32	25	13
Greensboro	14	2	1	11	24	36	5
Eltham	15	0	0	15	1	121	0

UNDER 11B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunbury	17	15	1	1	44	11	31
Fitzroy	16	13	2	1	68	10	28
Altona B	17	9	4	4	25	17	22
Richmond	17	8	3	6	24	14	19
Watsonia	17	7	4	6	12	25	18
Thomastown	17	5	6	6	18	23	16
Boronia	16	3	4	9	13	27	10
Moreland B	16	3	3	10	8	27	9
Green Gully B	16	4	0	12	10	15	8
Bmeadows	17	2	1	14	7	45	5

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Melb	15	13	1	1	73	16	27
Sth Melb A	14	9	2	3	50	19	20
Moreland	14	8	3	3	22	19	19
Thomastown	15	7	2	6	19	25	16
Fawkner	15	5	5	5	26	28	15
Rosanna	14	6	2	6	18	24	14
Greensboro	13	5	2	6	14	22	12
Bmeadows	13	2	1	10	10	41	5
Collingwood	15	0	0	15	0	38	0

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	16	14	2	0	81	8	29
Sth Melb B	16	12	3	1	72	16	27
Eltham	15	9	2	4	44	33	20
Kew Pk B	15	9	1	5	47	15	19
Watsonia	14	6	1	7	31	39	13
Coburg	15	5	0	10	24	34	10
St. Marks	14	4	0	10	21	40	8
Bundoora	15	3	0	12	11	29	6
Postal fast	15	1	0	14	2	83	2

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne A	15	12	0	3	55	12	24
Sth Melb A	16	11	2	3	46	23	24
Fawkner	14	10	1	3	30	8	21
Thomastown	14	8	3	3	42	26	19
Coburg	14	7	1	6	35	28	15
Watsonia	15	6	2	7	17	28	14
Juvenius	14	3	1	10	18	43	7
Greensboro	15	2	2	11	17	39	6
Rosanna	15	1	0	14	10	54	2

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fitzroy	12	11	1	0	76	10	23
Richmond	13	10	2	1	72	13	22
Moreland	14	9	1	4	35	19	19
Star Sport	14	6	0	8	33	29	12
Bmeadows	12	4	0	8	10	45	8
Clifton Hill	12	3	1	8	14	49	7
Collingwood	12	1	3	8	4	41	5
Eltham	11	1	2	8	7	45	4

DANDENONG

UNDER 9A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	17	12	2	2	31	5	26
Waverley A	16	11	4	1	36	11	26
Moorool A	16	10	4	2	26	8	24
Box Hill A	16	10	3	3	29	9	23
Croydon A	16	7	3	6	18	16	17
Nun City A	17	6	0	11	15	25	12
Ring Utd A	17	4	4	9	7	16	12
Ring City A	17	2	7	8	7	25	11
Doncaster A	17	2	6	9	7	26	10
F.T. Gully	16	0	3	13	3	32	3

UNDER 9B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster B	17	17	0	0	66	5	34
Moorool B	17	12	2	3	51	10	26
Croydon B	17	10	3	4	26	17	23
Box Hill B	16	9	1	6	33	17	19
Monbulk	17	9	1	7	16	16	19
Waverley B	17	7	3	7	18	21	17
Nun City B	16	6	3	7	21	20	15
Mulgrave B	17	3	1	13	8	43	7
Ring City B	17	3	0	14	7	53	6
Ring Utd B	17	0	2	15	0	44	2

UNDER 10A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster A	14	11	3	0	40	4	25
Croydon A	14	8	3	3	43	10	19
Ring Utd A	13	8	1	4	24	7	17
Waverley	13	6	4	3	20	8	16
Moorool A	15	6	4	5	12	10	16
Ring City A	15	4	5	6	15	22	13
Nun City A	14	5	2	7	18	28	12
Mitcham	14	2	0	12	10	54	4
Mulgrave A	14	1	2	11	6	45	4

UNDER 10B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boronia	17	13	4	0	61	2	30
Nun City B	17	11	5	1	59	8	27
Knox City	15	10	3	2	35	11	23
Doncaster B	15	10	1	4	43	10	21
F.T. Gully	16	10	1	5	33	17	21
Moorool B	17	4	3	10	23	42	11
Croydon B	16	4	2	10	8	42	10
Box Hill B	15	2	3	10	7	43	7
Ring City B	16	1	3	12	9	68	5
Healesville	16	1	3	12	3	38	5

UNDER 11A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool A	14	13	1	0	39	4	27
Nun City A	15	11	2	2	35	13	24
Ring City A	14	9	2	3	38	9	20
Knox City A	14	5	4	5	19	21	14
Waverley A	13	5	1	7	23	29	11
F.T. Gully	14	4	2	8	16	42	10
Doncaster A	15	4	2	9	9	25	10
Croydon A	14	4	0	10	13	30	8
Box Hill A	15	1	2	12	16	35	4

UNDER 11B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool B	16	14	1	1	48	15	29
Knox B	15	12	2	1	55	12	26
Nun City B	15	9	4	2	29	11	22
Doncaster B	15	8	2	5	38	18	18
Ring Utd	15	6	4	5	27	26	16
Ring City B	16	7	2	7	32	38	16
Box Hill B	15	5	2	8	21	24	12
Boronia	15	4	2	9	18	35	10
Waverley B	16	0	4	12	9	40	4
Croydon B	16	0	1	15	7	63	1

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox A	15	13	1	1	61	10	27
Doveton	16	12	2	2	64	11	26
Doncaster A	15	8	4	3	26	10	20
Box Hill A	15	7	5	3	35	18	19
Ring Utd	16	8	1	7	25	29	17
Croydon	16	6	2	8	21	24	14
F.T. Gully	16	6	1	8	23	37	13
Waverley A	15	4	2	9	29	32	10
Nun City A	16	5	0	11	17	45	10
Clarinda B	17	0	0	17	0	82	0

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool	17	16	1	0	67	7	33
Clayton A	17	14	0	3	80	14	28
Lyndale	17	10	3	4	34	15	23
Box Hill B	16	10	2	4	36	17	22
Mitcham	16	8	2	6	37	19	18
Nun City B	17	6	5	6	31	30	17
Boronia	17	4	2	11	20	45	10
Ring City	17	3	2	12	20	55	8
Waverley B	17	3	2	12	11	50	8
Sth Dandy	17	0	1	16	8	94	1

UNDER 12C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clarinda A	15	14	1	0	79	3	29
Mulgrave	16	13	1	2	68	9	27
Doncaster B	15	12	0	3	45	17	24
Caulfield B	15	7	1	7	25	37	15
Healesville	15	6	1	8	20	31	13
Knox B	14	4	1	9	17	28	9
Monbulk	15	3	1	11	6	43	7
Clayton B	14	2	2	10	10	48	6
Dingley	13	1	0	12	4	63	2

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	13	12	1	0	50	10	25
Moorool A	11	10	0	1	57	16	20
Doncaster	12	7	0	5	40	14	14
Knox City	11	6	2	4	35	18	14
Box Hill	11	5	0	6	24	23	10
Nunc Cy	11	3	0	8	11	34	6
F.T. Gelly	12	1	1	10	12	56	3
Croydon	10	0	0	10	4	68	0

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool B	13	10	1	2	52	18	21
Caulfield	12	9	1	2	58	25	19
Ring City	12	8	0	4	43	28	16
Mulgrave	12	7	0	5	40	40	14
Clayton	12	4	2	6	25	31	10
Salesian	12	3	2	7	20	36	8
Boronia	7	1	1	5	10	41	3
Melb B	12	0	1	11	16	45	1

PENINSULA

UNDER 9A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
F. Pines	15	13	2	0	24	2	28
Beaumaris A	14	8	5	1	26	11	21
Peninsula	15	6	7	2	16	11	19
Karingal	15	6	5	4	16	11	17
Cranbourne	15	6	5	4	13	12	17
Seaford A	15	4	5	6	17	20	13
Mornington	15	4	2	9	17	17	10
Overport	16	4	2	10	14	23	10
Hastings	15	0	1	14	10	36	1

UNDER 9B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	17	14	2	1	56	8	30
Brighton	17	13	3	1	68	10	29
Caulfield	17	12	3	2	72	12	27
Clayton	16	10	3	3	55	16	23
Doveton	17	6	3	8	15	17	15
Seaford B	17	6	2	9	17	35	14
Beaumaris B	17	3	4	10	13	40	10
Chelsea	17	3	4	10	13	48	10
Dingley	16	1	7	8	11	39	9
Sth Dandy	17	0	1	16	4	99	1

UNDER 10A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clayton A	17	16	1	0	78	8	33
Peninsula	17	11	2	4	37	19	24
Brighton	17	7	6	4	24	16	20
Karingal	17	8	3	6	23	15	19
Doveton	17	7	4	6	41	26	18
Overport	17	5	6	6	25	37	16
Beaumaris	17	5	5	7	28	38	15
Seaford	17	3	6	8	15	35	12
F. Pines	17	2	6	9	8	30	10
Cranbourne	17	0	3	14	5	54	3

UNDER 10B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Springvale	17	13	3	1	43	4	29
Rosebud	17	12	4	1	40	3	28
Sandringham	16	8	8	0	30	9	24
Dandy City	17	8	4	5	33	14	20
Mornington	17	9	2	6	31	16	20
Lyndale	17	7	3	7	20	23	17
Chelsea	17	5	4	8	23	33	14
Berwick	17	5	2	10	22	28	12
Karingal B	16	1	0	15	7	42	2
F. Pines	15	0	0	15	0	77	0

UNDER 11A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	17	12	3	2	48	10	27
Seaford	16	12	1	3	60	13	25
Peninsula	16	9	5	2	49	18	21
Mornington	16	5	7	4	23	23	17
Springvale	17	6	4	7	35	32	18
Beaumaris	17	6	3	8	35	38	15
Karingal	16	6	2	8	16	22	14
Dandy City	16	5	2	9	21	27	12
Overport	17	5	1	11	23	47	11
Doncaster	14	1	0	13	0	76	2

UNDER 11B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hampton	17	13	2	2	86	10	28
Brighton	17	13	2	2	104	15	28
Caulfield	17	13	2	2	94	16	28
F. Pines	17	12	2	3	116	17	26
Cranbourne	17	7	2	8	44	34	16
Mulgrave	16	7	1	8	49	38	15
Karingal B	17	6	1	10	10	56	14
Rosebud	16	4	0	12	11	96	8
Dandy City B	17	2	0	15	2	105	4
Moorabbin	16	1	0	15	4	117	2

UNDER 12A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Karingal	17	15	1	1	55	15	31
F. Pines	17	14	1	2	73	16	29
Springvale A	17	13	2	2	62	12	28
Brighton	17	10	1	6	42	27	21
Overport	17	7	1	9	36	34	15
Seaford	17	7	1	9	32	35	15
Caulfield A	17	3	4	10	25	33	10
Cranbourne	17	2	5	10	13	31	9
Dandy City	17	4	1	12	14	43	9
Peninsula	17	1	1	15	2	107	3

UNDER 12B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beaumaris	15	10	3	2	44	14	23
Mornington	15	10	2	3	45	12	22
Nth Dandy	14	9	4	1	29	5	22
Mordialloc	15	10	1	4	44	17	21
Berwick	15	4	6	5	14	13	14
Rosebud	14	6	2	6	11	19	14
Springvale B	16	5	2	9	21	28	12
Chelsea	15	2	2	11	16	33	6
Hastings	14	0	0	14	3	81	0

UNDER 13A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Overport	12	11	1	0	38	13	23
Peninsula	12	6	2	4	29	24	14
Doveton	10	5	2	3	22	14	12
Seaford	10	3	3	4	24	22	9
Brighton	11	3	1	7	21	31	7
Dandy City	9	2	1	6	10	26	5
Springvale	10	1	2	7	15	29	4

UNDER 13B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	14	14	0	0	78	4	28
Karingal	13	10	0	3	36	11	20
Hampton	13	9	1	3	23	15	19
Beaumaris	13	6	0	7	32	30	12
Keysboro	13	5	1	7	24	24	11
Cranbourne	13	3	1	9	15	50	7
Mornington	13	3	0	10	18	42	6
Sandringham	13	1	1	11	7	55	3

UNDER 14

DIV A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sth Melb A	14	11	2	1	38	11	24
Coburg	15	11	1	3	46	14	23
Box Hill A	16	9	2	5	31	22	20
Waverley A	15	8	1	5	32	19	17
Croydon A	15	6	3	6	21	31	15
Knox Utd	14	7	0	7	29	23	12
Overport	14	3	2	9	16	28	8
Seaford A	15	3	1	11	14	46	7
Moorool A	13	1	0	12	55	2	

DIV B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland	13	11	1	1	49	11	23
Springvale	14	10	2	2	55	15	22
Rosanna	13	8	2	3	33	19	18
Melton	12	7	1	4	25	20	14
Sunshine Hts	12	5	2	5	25	27	12
Knox City	12	3	1	8	21	22	7
Dandy City	12	2	1	9	8	38	5
F. Pines	12	1	0	13	8	73	2

DIV C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nunawading	15	14	1	0	58	13	29
Clayton	14	12	1	1	39	8	25
Moonfiel	16	7	5	4	21	24	19
West Subs	17	8	2	7	21	27	18
Albion	17	8	0	9	23	27	16
Greensboro	17	6	3	8	28	27	15
Lyndale	16	6	3	7	35	28	15
Waverley B	15	5	2	8	19	32	12
Mordialloc	16	2	3	11	17	31	7
Doncaster	17	1	2	14	12	56	4

DIV D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keilor	14	13	1	0	67	8	27
Fawkner	15	11	2	2	82	18	24
Watsonia	13

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STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	19	12	5	2	43	14	28
Slavia	20	10	6	4	30	23	26
Juventus	19	7	8	4	29	18	22
Altona	20	6	10	4	27	23	22
Sunshine	20	8	6	6	31	28	22
Ess. Lions	20	8	3	9	27	22	19
Makedonia	19	5	9	5	23	25	19
Frankston	19	7	5	7	21	28	19
Ringwood	20	7	4	9	22	35	18
Hakoah	20	4	9	7	14	18	17
Green Gully	20	3	10	7	20	30	16
Polonia	20	2	3	15	17	40	7

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine	17	9	5	3	26	19	23
Polonia	18	7	7	4	22	19	21
Ess. Lions	16	7	6	3	29	12	20
Juventus	15	7	3	5	23	13	19
Slavia	16	6	7	3	21	14	19
George Cross	15	8	2	5	30	20	18
Hakoah	16	4	9	3	14	12	17
Frankston	17	6	3	8	20	24	17
Altona	18	5	6	7	19	25	16
Green Gully	17	5	6	6	16	23	16
Makedonia	15	3	4	8	12	23	10
Ringwood	18	2	2	14	15	43	6

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion	19	14	1	4	51	23	29
Croydon	19	12	3	4	38	18	27
Box Hill	20	11	3	6	46	26	25
Ardeer	20	9	5	6	32	16	23
Austria	20	9	5	6	35	19	23
Waverley	19	10	4	5	25	19	22
Dandenong	19	7	6	6	37	27	20
Keilor City	19	6	5	8	27	35	17
Western Subs	20	7	3	10	23	39	17
Springvale	17	6	3	8	16	23	15
Melbourne	18	2	4	12	21	48	8
St. Albans	20	1	2	17	14	72	4

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	18	14	3	1	51	17	31
Albion	17	10	3	4	40	19	23
Western Subs	18	10	2	6	38	23	22
Dandenong	19	9	3	7	22	26	21
Box Hill	17	8	3	6	30	27	19
Keilor City	18	8	3	7	28	25	19
Waverley	18	6	4	8	24	28	16
Springvale	15	7	0	8	20	29	14
Ardeer	16	5	4	7	17	27	14
Austria	18	6	2	10	19	31	14
Melbourne	16	2	3	11	17	31	7
St. Albans	16	2	2	12	12	35	6

DIV II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	20	14	4	2	53	12	32
Collingwood	21	12	3	6	46	27	27
Eltham	19	8	7	4	32	24	23
Fitzroy	20	8	7	5	30	24	23
Richmond	20	8	6	6	25	25	22
Fernitree Gully	21	8	5	8	27	27	21
Bell Park	20	6	7	7	32	40	19
Brighton	20	7	3	10	29	39	17
Moreland	21	5	7	9	27	42	17
Moorooibark	21	5	5	11	31	39	15
Footscray	20	5	5	10	24	41	15
South Melb	21	4	5	12	23	39	13

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	19	15	2	2	67	17	32
Moreland	21	12	3	6	43	32	27
Eltham	18	10	3	5	43	26	23
Brighton	17	10	2	5	55	37	22
Fitzroy	18	9	4	5	41	30	22
South Melb	19	9	4	6	36	31	22
Bell Park	17	7	3	7	35	31	17
Collingwood	19	6	3	10	29	51	15
Fernitree Gully	18	6	2	10	26	34	14
Moorooibark	16	5	1	10	26	30	11
Richmond	16	2	6	10	26	42	10
Footscray	16	0	3	15	12	72	3

DIV III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	20	14	3	3	48	19	31
Chelsea	20	11	5	4	39	23	27
Pt Melb	20	11	5	4	39	23	27
Prahran C	20	9	6	5	41	27	24
Heidelberg	20	6	9	5	27	25	21
Broadmeadows	18	7	3	8	24	29	17
Essendon C	20	5	7	8	23	33	17
Park Rangers	20	6	4	10	24	27	16
Yalleurn	21	4	7	10	38	43	15
Coburg	20	6	3	11	21	37	15
Moorabbin	20	3	9	8	24	45	15
Ringwood U	19	4	5	10	24	41	13

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City	16	14	1	1	65	19	28
Prahran C	19	12	4	3	45	25	28
Pt Melb	21	11	5	5	41	30	27
Broadmeadows	18	9	6	3	32	20	24
Moorabbin	17	7	6	4	37	27	20
Coburg	20	8	4	8	26	28	20
Ringwood U	17	6	5	6	24	26	17
Chelsea	19	5	6	8	20	20	16
Essendon C	17	5	3	9	33	44	13
Heidelberg	20	5	2	13	28	48	12
Yalleurn	19	3	5	11	32	57	11
Park Rangers	19	1	3	15	14	53	5

DIV IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	19	15	3	1	49	15	33
Morwell Falc	20	16	0	4	60	20	32
Sandringham	21	13	2	6	50	32	28
Clayton	20	7	6	7	37	33	20
Caulfield	20	6	8	6	30	28	20
Corio	19	7	4	8	24	26	18
Monash	19	8	2	9	32	39	18
South Yarra	19	7	3	9	25	37	17
Mornington	20	7	2	11	25	35	16
Rosebud	19	4	5	10	29	48	13
Uni of Melb	19	4	3	12	19	46	11
Ballarat	21	4	2	15	25	40	10

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	19	15	1	3	51	16	31
Morwell Falc	18	12	1	5	40	18	25
Sandringham	20	11	3	6	37	37	25
Mornington	20	9	5	6	28	25	23
Monash	18	8	6	4	27	23	22
Ballarat	19	8	3	8	35	27	19
Corio	19	7	4	8	29	33	18
Uni of Melb	21	6	6	9	30	44	18
Clayton	19	7	2	10	25	36	16
Caulfield	19	3	8	8	17	30	14
South Yarra	17	3	4	10	23	40	10
Rosebud	19	2	3	14	18	41	7

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Werribee	20	14	5	1	56	26	33
Fawkner	20	12	5	3	52	30	29
Frankston P	20	11	3	6	51	27	25
Geelong	20	10	5	5	50	31	25
Greensborough	19	10	2	7	34	24	22
Nunawading	18	7	5	6	34	30	19
Williamstown	20	7	5	8	36	37	19
Hotham Utd	18	7	6	9	1	8	39 56 19
Langwarrin	20	6	3	11	36	50	15
Hamlyn Rangers	20	5	2	13	24	43	12
Sth Dandenong	20	4	2	14	39	76	10
Central Altona	21	2	4	15	35	56	8

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	19	11	6	2	53	18	28
Werribee	18	11	4	3	61	27	26
Nunawading	15	12	1	2	44	12	25
Frankston P	16	10	3	3	44	22	23
Fawkner	18	6	7	5	41	33	19
Greensborough	18	6	7	5	35	29	19
Central Altona	20	7	5	8	32	47	19
Langwarrin	16	6	5	5	41	27	17
Hamlyn Rangers	18	5	3	10	34	56	13
Hotham Utd	16	5	1	10	21	47	11
Williamstown	18	3	1	14	27	54	7
Sth Dande	18	1	1	16	11	72	3

DIV II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keysborough	20	15	3	2	45	19	33
Nth Dande	18	13	5	0	44	21	31
Thomastown	19	11	5	3	41	18	27
Sunbury	18	10	1	7	33	22	21
Melton	21	8	4	9	42	31	20
East Brunswick	20	7	6	7	22	24	20
Hawthorn	19	6	4	9	28	32	16
Bulleen	19	3	9	7	21	29	15
Karingal	18	5	3	10	27	32	13
Carlton	19	3	6	10	24	43	12
West Melb	19	4	3	12	23	64	11
Burnley	18	3	3	12	18	38	9

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunbury	18	13	2	3	49	20	28
Karingal	19	10	5	4	51	24	25
Nth Dande	17	10	4	3	42	13	24
Melton	21	11	2	8	54	36	24
Carlton	18	10	4	4	43	32	24
Hawthorn	17	9	1	7	36	34	19
Keysborough	18	7	4	7	43	25	18
Thomastown	18	6	4	8	25	38	16
Bulleen	18	6	2	10	27	33	14
Burnley	18	4	4	10	31	51	12
East Brunswick	18	4	3	11	24	40	11
West Melb	20	2	1	17	14	83	5

DISTRICT LEAGUE

DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Royal Park	17	13	2	2	52	14	28
Gladstone Pk	16	10	3	3	60	23	23
South Oakleigh	16	10	2	4	41	22	22
Mordialloc	17	9	3	5	39	29	21
Nunawading	18	7	4	7	41	40	18
Postal Inst	17	7	1	9	29	29	15
Regent	15	5	5	5	26	27	15
Hampton	15	4	3	8	17	44	10
Pascoe Vale	15	2	1	12	19	53	5
Sandown	16	1	3	12	20	63	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Royal Park	16	13	1	2	40	14	27
Gladstone Pk	16	12	1	3	37	14	25
Postal Inst	16	11	3	4	40	21	25
Regent	17	9	2	6	41	33	20
South Oakleigh	17	8	2	7	25	28	18
Hampton	16	7	2	7	30	33	16
Nunawading	17	6	4	7	28	33	16
Mordialloc	17	5	0	12	26	43	10
Pascoe Vale	16	2	2	12	15	34	6
Sandown	16	1	1	14	19	48	3

DIV II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boronia	17	12	5	0	29	8	29
Yarraville	17	12	3	2	40	15	27
Wiltona	16	7	6	3	36	22	20
Kensington	18	6	5	7	26	33	17
Rosanna	17	7	2	8	28	25	16
Hawkesbury	17	7	2	8	33	39	16
Moonbulk	18	7	1	10	36	31	15
Mitcham	17	6	3	8	30	25	15
North Melb	16	3	6	7	29	50	12
Carnegie	18	2	1	15	14	52	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wiltona	18	11	4	3	39	28	26
Boronia	16	12	1	3	55	21	25
Yarraville	15	10	2	3	43	24	22
Kensington	16	9	4	3	31	22	22
Hawkesburn	16	9	2	5	41	28	20
Rosanna	16	4	2	10	28	35	10
Carnegie	15	4	2	9	18	42	10
Mitcham	17	4	1	12	29	40	9
North Melb	16	3	3	10	28	50	9
Moonbulk	16	3	2	11	18	40	8

DIV III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Thornbury	18	11	5	2	39	16	27
Clifton Hill	17	12	2	3	48	19	26
Croxton	18	10	5	3	33	20	25
Strathdroke	17	6	5	6	28	31	17
Berwick City	17	4	8	5	25	24	16
Clifton Hill	17	4	6	7	27	33	14
Strathdroke	16	3	6	7	14	25	12
Banksia	15	4	3	8	29	36	11
Ascot Utd	15	5	0	10	18	36	10
Noble Park	14	4	1	9	15	45	9

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croxton	17	12	3	0	53	18	27
Nth Sunshine	15	12	1	2	56	15	25
Diamond Ck	17	7	4	6	34	27	18
Thornbury	16	7	2	7	22	16	16
Berwick City	17	7	1	9	24	41	15
Clifton Hill	16	6	1	7	27	33	14
Strathdroke	16	3	6	7	14	25	12
Banksia	15	4	3	8	29	36	11
Ascot Utd	15	5	0	10	18	36	10
Noble Park	14	4	1	9	15	45	9

DIV IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Carlton	16	10	5	1	41	10	25
Central B'wick	16	12	1	3	50	13	25
Cheltenham	17	9	4	4	35	22	22
Crescent	17	9	3	5	35	20	21
RMIT	18	8	4	6	32	29	20
Balaclava	17	4	8	5	33	34	16
Clarinda	17	6	3	8	35	41	15
Mossfiel R	17	7	2	8	22	30	14
Latrobe Uni	14	3	2	11	12	42	4
Frognall	15	0	0	15	7	61	0

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Central B'wick	18	13	1	4	51	22	27
Cheltenham	18	13	0	5	99	17	26
East Carlton	17	11	3	3	44	20	25
RMIT	16	8	2	6	32	25	18
Mossfiel R	16	8	0	7	36	30	16
Crescent	17	6	3	8	27	42	15
Clarinda	18	6	1	11	37	40	13
Balaclava	16	5	2	9	22	30	12
Latrobe Uni	15	3	3	9	20	44	9
Frognall RAAF	13	0	1	12	6	104	1

LATROBE VALLEY

LVFL games for next Sunday. 12 o'clock Leongatha Tech. Korrumburra High School. 1 o'clock Shopwell Trophy final: Moe United — Monash/Newborough.

3 o'clock Battle of Britain Cup: Moe United — Churchill United.

STATE LEAGUE

COLTS U16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Preston	20	16	2	2	93	21	34
Green Gully	18	15	3	0	64	9	33
Frankston	21	10	4	7	54	27	24
Essendon	18	11	1	6	44	24	23
Altona	19	10	0	9	33	25	20
Sunshine	16	6	7	3	30	27	19
Ringwood	18	7	2	9	38	54	16
Juventus	18	4	6	8	26	39	14
Polonia	20	5	3	12	27	70	13
Hakoah	19	4	1	14	31	50	9
George Cross	16	3	2	11	15	33	8
Slavia	19	2	3	14	16	65	7

U14 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Altona	11	9	1	1	23	7	19
Hakoah	12	6	2	2	37	11	14
Preston	12	9	0	3	24	6	18
Green Gully	12	8	2	2	29	15	18
Frankston	13	4	2	7	21	13	10
Ringwood	12	3	2	7	18	39	8
Essendon	13	1	1	11	11	28	3
Sunshine	11	0	2	9	6	25	2

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

DIVISION 1: Bowater Scott 2 Repco Richmond 1; Ford Falcons 2 Tarax 5; Kodak United 1 Pegasus 6; McColl Dyn A 1 Melbourne Meats 1; W.D. & H.O. Wills 3 R.A.C.V. 7.

DIVISION 2: A.C.I Box Hill 3 Sperry Vickers 1; A.N.Z. Bank A 4 Philip Morris 2; Bosch O Ansett 4; Siemens A O Mid. Pk. VRI A 2; T.A.A. O Public Works A 3.

DIVISION 3: C.B.C. Bank 4 Reyrolle Utd 1; L.E.T.S. 2 Fibre Containers 2; Leyland 3 Diecraft 7; Lysaght Rowntree Hoadley p/p; Taxation Utd O Colyer Watson 7.

DIVISION 4 EAST: E.S.C. Tools 10 Ringwood Lanes 2; Public Works B 2 Fibremakers Utd 4; Tessa Town 1 McColl Dyn B 3; The Age 1 Keeley Utd 4; Caster Utd bye.

DIVISION 4 NORTH: A.G.C.F.* Olympic Tyre*; A.H.D. 1 Travellers Melb 6; A.R. Split 6 Repco Cooldrive 0; K.S.C. United* Caulfield Spears* A.N.Z. Bank 6 bye.

DIVISION 4 WEST: Aquila Steel O James Miller 3; Gascor City 1 C.I.G. 4; Mid. Pk. VRI B 4 Siemens Bess 0; Parory Florinis 3 Quaker LUV 0; RAAF Pt. Cook bye.

* Walkovers to A.G.C.F. and K.S.C. United.

DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pegasus	16	13	2	1	46	15	28
McColl Dyn A	15	10	3	2	55	22	23
Tarax	15	7	5	3	49	30	19
R.A.C.V	15	8	3	4	40	27	19
Melbourne Meats	15	6	4	5	38	33	16
W.D. & H.O. Wills	16	5	5	6	47	49	15
Bowater Scott	15	5	2	8	29	49	12
Ford Falcons	16	5	1	10	35	55	11
Kodak United	15	2	1	12	22	64	5
Repco Richmond	14	2	0	12	19	36	4

DIV 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Public Works A	16	9	5	2	40	17	23
Sperry Vickers	15	9	4	2	31	17	22
Mid. Pk. VRI A	16	9	0	7	34	36	18
Siemens A	16	6	4	6	36	32	16
A.N.Z. Bank A	16	8	0	8	28	32	16
T.A.A.	16	6	3	7	32	38	15
Bosch	15	6	2	7	36	31	14
Ansett	16	4	4	8	22	34	12
Philip Morris	16	4	4	8	22	34	12
A.C.I. Box Hill	16	3	4	9	28	35	10

DIV 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colyer Watson	16	10	6	0	39	12	26
Lysaght	15	9	4	2	36	18	22
Diecraft	15	9	3	3	39	17	21
C.B.C. Bank	16	8	5	3	32	22	21
Reyrolle	16	6	5	5	35	29	17
Taxation United	15	5	5	5	26	24	15
L.E.T.S.	16	4	5	7	27	31	13
Leyland	16	3	4	9	25	32	10
Fibre Containers	16	2	2	12	21	57	5
Rowntree Hoadley	15	2	1	12	10	48	5

DIV 4 EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keeley United	14	12	0	2	53	6	24
McColl Dyn B	14	11	2	1	43	14	24
The Age	15	8	2	5	33	32	18
Fibremakers	14	5	2	7	40	37	12
Tessa Town	14	6	0	8	37	36	12
E.S.C. Tools	13	5	2	6	42	47	12
Caster United	13	4	4	5	35	40	12
Public Works B	15	3	3	9	25	36	9
Ringwood Lanes	12	0	1	11	10	71	1

DIV 4 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Travellers Melb	14	14	0	0	83	7	28
K.S.C. United	15	11	1	3	47	22	23
A.R. Split	12	10	0	2	58	13	20
Caulfield Spears	13	6	2	5	29	26	14
A.G.C.F.	14	6	2	6	25	34	14
A.H.D.	13	3	2	8	27	23	8
Repco Cooldrive	15	3	1	11	28	58	7
Olympic Tyre	13	2	2	9	17	58	6
A.N.Z. Bank B	13	1	0	12	17	92	2

DIV 4 WEST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
C.I.G.	14	13	0	1	47	7	26
James Miller	14	11	2	1	59	9	24
Parory Florinis	14	10	3	1	57	15	23
Quaker LUV	15	9	1	5	41	30	19
RAAF Pt. Cook	13	5	2	6	38	27	12
Aquila Steel	14	3	3	8	23	45	9
Mid. Pk. VRI B	15	3	1	11	17	68	7
Gascor City	14	3	0	11	20	48	6
Siemens Bess	14	0	0	14	8	63	0

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ROTHMANS LEAGUE

Croatia 1 (Russell) drew with Sutherland Shire 1 (Hall). Crowd 2531.

Heilas Canterbury-Marrickville 1 (Hignett) d. Arncliffe Scots O. Crowd 140.

Manly 2 (Martinez 2) d. Avala 1 (Doran). Crowd 303.

Wollongong City 2 (Beggs, Kolednik) d. Yugal-Prague O. Crowd 257.

Auburn 3 (Dobson, Tracey, Dellor) d. Granville-Parramatta 2 (Hayhoe, Selfridge). Crowd 225.

APIA-Leichhardt 4 (Butler, Porter, Ruiz, McCormack) d. Bankstown O. Crowd 463.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	16	3	1	46	13	35
Apia	14	5	1	43	13

ZIKA NIKOLIC

JUST je gubio utakmice ove godine, ali je napustao igraliste kao moralni pobednik. Medjutim, prosle nedelje protiv Aleksandra "plavi" su bili razbijena vojska od 20 minuta, kada je zbog glupog nesporazuma odbrane protivnik ozjednacio.

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Pet minuta kasnije je mogao lako da povisi na 2:0, ali lopta mu nije "sela", pa je zakesneli sut na gol iznudio samo korner, koji je ostao neiskoriscen.

JUST je sa uspehom blokirao Buljevica na levoj strani, koji inace nije imao svoj dan. Ali je zato desna strana bila suplja. Kad god je bilo muzno, tamo nije bilo ni jednog JUST-ovog igraca, a protivnik je imao dva-tri slobodna. Da nije golman Boland bio u odlicnoj formi poraz bi bio mnogo veci, jer su se zrele sanse redjale kao na filmu. Boland je cak odbranio jedanaesterac, koji je prestrogo dosudje. Sa nesto vise odlucnosti, mozda je mogao da spreci prvi i drugi gol, ali su i bekovi bili ravnodusni. Zbog toga se retko kretao sa golcrte, gde je bio najsigurniji.

Aleksandar je zasluzeno pobedio svog najveceg rivala u Melburnu. JUST se ponovo vratio u donji deo tabele, odakle se jedva izvukao prosle nedelje.

Ceo JUST-ov tim se zalagao, ali mu nista nije polazilo za nogom. Dodje takav dan kada se najmanje ocekuje.

IDUCE NEDELJE OPET DOMACIN

Iduce nedelje, 11 septembra JUST opet igra na Olympic Parku. Ovog puta protivnik dolazi iz Adelaide. Juventus je naneo najtezi poraz JUST-u u Nacionalnoj Ligi. Pobe dio je "plave" sa 4:1. Tesko je pomisliti da JUST moze ponoviti ovakvu slabu igru, koju je pruzio protiv Aleksandra.

Drugi tim JUST-a je pretrpeo jos tezi poraz po nepamcenom pljusku. Igrali su mlako i neodlucno, kkao da se protivnik bori za opstanak. Poraz je opet spustio "plave" na pretposlednje mesto, odakle se pada u trecu divisziu. Jedini gol je postigao Pece Petreski sa 11 metara.

Sastav JUST-a: Stefanides, Zoraja, Mikulcic, Grbac, Cankovic, Kalmar, Hatvany, Petreski, Belic, Ristic, Atanasovski. Zadnjih 15 minuta Jovanovski je igrao umesto povred jenog Zoraje.

Iduce nedelje drugi tim igra protiv Ferntree Gully-a na igralistu, koje ce biti naknadno javljeno, jer JUST od pozara ne upotrebljava svo j teren u Footscrayu.

INTER DOBIO JUGO-DERBI

INTER iz Williamstowna je pobedio Central Altonu sa 3:1 (0:1), posle zive, uzbudljive i fer igre. Sportsku atmosferu su pokvarili igraci kluba iz drzavne lige, koji su se nedolicno ponasali kao navijaci. Na srecu, igraci Intera i Central Altona nisu na njih obracali paznju.

Na odmor se otislo sa rezultatom 1:0 za Central Altonu, a strelac je bio Djordje Markovski.

U drugom poluvremenu se slika menja. INTER igra bolje, ali na izjednacenje se dugo cekalo. Kada je Zvonko Macanovic iz punog trka pogodio same raslje, Inter je dobio Krila. Uskoro je Milorad Milosavljevic povisio na 2:1, a Zvonko Macanovic je sedam minute postigao konacan rezultat, 3:1 za Inetr.

Sastav Intera: Voli Bryden, Zarko Stefanovic, Jovan Najdek, Mirko Beker, Vlada Dovic, Karlo Madi, Zvonko Macanovic, Z. Lacok, Milorad Milosavljevic, Stevan Belurov, Frank Drozdek.

Sastav Central Atone: Petkovski, Kekovski, Lozanovski, Kutlesovski, Naumovski, Skubevski, Atanasovski, Vasiljevski, Markovski, Subevski, Gazanovski. Rezreve: Isailovski, Jovancevski.

IZVUKLI SE IZ OPASNE ZONE

Uzalud je sudija priznavao burnleyu golove iz ofsajda kada je Carlton/Srbija imala svo j dan, pa je sve duplo nadoknadila. Pobeda od 5:2 je utoliko vaznija, sto je izvukla Carltona iz opasne zone.

Uspeh Carltona je rezultat dobrog rada uprave, koja je uz pomoc novog trenera Zike Karica vratile disciplinu i red, sto je osnova za uspeh u svakom sportskom drustvu.

Igraci takodje zasluzuju povalu, sto su izdrzali krizu i uklopili se u novi sistem rada sa odusevljenjem. Kao primer zalaganja treba istaci Bjelogrlica, Milana Ivkovica, Defrisa, Djordjevica, a iza njih i Mitrovica, Ceranica i Samanovica.

Strelci protivu Burnleya: Ivkovic 2, Bjelogrlic, Defris i Velickovic po jedan.

NOVE POBEDE PEGASUSA I TARAKSA

U zavrsnoj fazi industriskog takmicenja, PEGASUS i TARAX pruzaju najbolje igre. Prosle nedelje Pegasus je pregazio Kodaka sa 6:1. Strelci: Petelnik 2, Klansi, Pavlovic, M. Placko i Ovcar po jedan.

Iduce nedelje Pegazus igra na svom igralistu odlucujucu utakmicu protiv glavnog rivala McColla. Pegasusu je potreban samo jedan bod da bi postao zvanican prvak Prve industriske lige.

TARAX je nastupio bez glavnog strelca Milosa Adamovica, ali nije imao problema da glatko savlada Ford Falcon sa 5:2. Najzasluzniji igrac je bio veciti mladic Veroslav Mladenovic, koji je dirigovao igrom kao najveci maestro. Odmah iza njega treba pohvaliti Sandor Kazija, koji je odbranio dva penala za 30 sekundi, pored ostalih bravura. Vrlo dobro su igrali jos Mladen Kresinger, Dragan Pantic i Bata Rankovic. Strelci: Pantic 2, Fekete 1, Kosovac 1 i Kresinger 1.

Sastav Taraxa: Kazi 8, Fekete 8, Djuricin 5, Rankovic 8, Davis 7, Mladenovic 9, Kosovac 8, Kresinger 8, Pantic 8, Ross 6, (Savic 5). Todorovic 7.

NEMA SPASA PELISTERU

Hampton je pobedio Pascoe Vale/PELISTER sa 3:2, tako da je propala zadnja nada za opstanak u provoj amaterskoj diviziji. Pelistera je cele godine pratila nesreca pa i ovog puta. Pored mnogih lepih sansi promasen je i penal.

Strelci za Pelister: Djordje Tilovski i Atanas Colakovski.

FINEL GEELONG KUPA

North Geelong/Croatia je vodila sa 7:0 (2:0), kada je u 85 minutu prekinuta utakmica, jer je Norlane/JASK napustio igraliste, posto je sudija izbacio tri igraca.

U predigri je odigrano finale kupa za rezerve. BRTINTONS je savladao Croatiju sa 3:2.

The world of soccer. . .the world of soccer

Crowds down after Cup flop

SAN FRANCISCO — Two weeks ago, a big football game in Portland, Oregon, was completely sold out and scalpers were doing profitable business outside the gates. Nationwide television took the match to the millions of fans who could not be there.

So what? The game was soccer. Yes, in America.

Soccer is vying with tennis as the fastest-growing sport in the U.S., and largely because of an aging Brazilian whose legs won't always answer his brain any more. His name is Pele, and his imitators in the suburbs of America are as legion as miniature Babe Ruths once were.

Josef Venglos

The figures tell the story. In 1970, some 8000 players were taking part in organised soccer competition. In 1975, the figure was 114,9000. This year the total is 160,860.

Country-wide, there were 128 college teams playing soccer in 1956. This year, there are almost 500.

And the biggest growth area is in the school-age future. Not only players, but a giant audience, are being built for tomorrow.

The organisation for this achievement has been provided by a transplanted welshman, **Phil Woosnam**, a former Fleet Street sports reporter, **Clive Toye**, and the money they have talked out of Pepsi Cola and a group of executives at Warner Communications.

But the most potent weapon has been Pele's capacity to inspire identification among the kids of America's suburbs.

When Woosnam, who master-minded the foundation of the New York Cosmos, approached him to play soccer in New York in 1971, the great Brazilian's football career was already past its crest.

Audiences all over the world had thrilled to his bewildering footwork, his uncanny capacity to twist and head in midair, his majestic contempt for the crowds of defenders who showed and battered him every game.

He was already a millionaire and a national hero in his homeland. But he came to the Cosmos and soccer's audience began to build.

Even when Pele went goalless, even when it was evident that his problems with the legs which had been hacked from under him so often were temporarily out of control, the growing band of soccer fanatics suffered with him.

The tradition of the gallant loser holds no nurtured role in American folk lore, but Pele could make defeat seem noble. He brought to the soccer pitch what **Casals** had brought to the Cello-dignity which rode above reality.

Finally, it seems Pele is ending his career now. He has made a great deal of money in America, but more for soccer than for himself.

The American game is not quite the stuff of Wembley and Real Madrid. To heighten the drama, it has tie-breaking penalty contests and abundant substitutions. As with tennis in the team games, showmanship pays scant respect to tradition.

But the growth of the past few years has been so explosive, women's support so unexpectedly high (40% is a recent estimate of the female quotient in soccer crowds, far higher than for baseball or American football) and new money coming in so transforming that the adapters' case is made.

Phil Woosnam is forecasting, apparently ludicrously, that in five years, America could be the headquarters of world soccer.

Yevgeni Rudakov

But then they laughed at him five years ago, and he was right about that growth then.

URUGUAY'S elimination from the World Cup has resulted in a sharp drop in gates and the Uruguayan FA estimated that this has been as much as 40 per cent so far this season in comparison to last.

The general opinion is that the decline in Uruguayan soccer can be attributed to (a) the bad administration of pro-soccer; (b) centralizing the championship with 25 professional clubs in Montevideo — a city of barely a million inhabitants; (c) the lack of coaches with modern tactical ideas and methods; (d) the emigration of most of the best players to other countries where they can earn more and (c) the low standard of those left at home who have little incentive (cash and otherwise) to improve their play.

Uruguayans are meanwhile putting their hopes on the (amateur) junior team which won the South American junior championships in Venezuela recently and went on to take fourth place in the first Junior World Cup in Tunisia in July . . . and fans are turning their backs on the professional game and going in ever greater numbers to watch amateur soccer played on some 100 fields all over Montevideo every week-end.

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FIFA have settled all arguments about the dates on which Hungary, and Bolivia meet to decide who qualifies for next year's World cup Finals in Argentina. The first leg will be on October 29 in Budapest, with the return on November 30 in La Paz.

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JOSEF VENGLOS, former Czechoslovak national team assistant, has returned to club football with former Cup-winners' Cup holders, Slovan Bratislava. Venglos, who previously led Slovan to the league twice and also the Cup, replaces Michal Vican. The former Ruch Chorzow coach has left after failing out with the players.

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RUDI GUTENDORF, new coach to Hamburg, is the only current Bundesliga coach who was holding a top-flight job when the league was set up 15 years ago. Then Gutendorf was with MSV Duisburg. Ironically Hamburg met MSV in their first match this season . . . and lost 5-2!

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JAN PETERS, 22-year-old Dutch hope, couldn't have made a better start with his new club, AZ'67 Alkmaar. Peters scored twice in a 3-0 win over Ajax Amsterdam in the final of the Amsterdam pre-season tournament. A couple of years ago Ajax nearly signed Peters, but their doctors vetoed the deal because of his history of knee trouble.

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ZOLTAN VARGA, Hungarian schemer who defected to the West during the 1968 Mexico Olympics, has joined Gent FC in the Belgian second division. Varga's wanderings have so far taken him to Hertha Berlin, Aberdeen, Ajax, Borussia, Dortmund and Augsburg. He is now 32.

YEVGENI RUDAKOV, Dynamo Kiev's 34-year-old international goalkeeper, has added his name to the vast list of retirements this year.

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CHILE'S most popular club, Colo Colo, coached this season by former Hungarian Star Ferenc Puskas, tops the first division jointly with Lota Schwager (who have played a match more) after Aviacion, the early season sensation who went unbeaten through their first nine matches, lost the next two and dropped six points out of eight to lose the lead.

Pele's revolution gathers strength

From PETER SMARK

Training for New York Cosmos' super stars, from left: Chinaglia, Beckenbauer and Pele.

Miralem Fazlic (No. 4) of Rochester Lancers takes a flying leap at New York Cosmos winger Steve Hunt.

Holland's Jan Peters confronts England goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

Love holds up $1.8m. transfer

Pietro Paolo Virdis of Cagliari, has finally joined Juventus in Italy after a "romantic" delay.

Cagliari accepted a ridiculously high $1.8 million offer from Juventus for the young goalscorer but to everyone's surprise, Virdis told Juventus he did not want to leave Sardinia.

It was only after many meetings and much persuasion by Cagliari's old star LUIGI RIVA who had Virdis' welfare at heart, that the 20-year-old striker finally relented.

It seems that Virdis was reluctant to leave a certain young lady in Sardinia and even now it's hard to see him settling down in Turin unless she is "transferred" with him.

With 18 goals, Virdis was the second-highest scorer in the Italian Series B last season. In 1974-75 and 1975-76, before Cagliari was relegated, Virdis scored only six goals in 42 Series A games.

It's a record that's hardly worth $1.8 million!

SCOT WHO GOT AWAY

While German soccer succeeded in luring Keegan from England, Buljan from Yugoslavia and Borg from Sweden, it failed to get Scotland's Willie Pettigrew.

Newly promoted First Division Bundesliga club St. Pauli of Hamburg was allowed by the German Football Association to offer Motherwell no more than $350,000 for Pettigrew.

Although the clubs agreed on the terms, goalscoring Pettigrew apparently wanted more money for himself so the deal fell through.

The most important German transfers have been.

Borussia Monchengladbach: engaged — Lienen (Bielefeld), Schafer (Karlsruhe). Departed: Stielike (to Real Madrid).

Schalke: eng. — Gross (Tennis Bor. Berlin). Dep Oblak (to Bayern Munich).

Eintracht Brunswick: eng. — Borg (Oerebro, Sweden), Breitner (Real Madrid). Dep. Stolzenbrug to Duisburg).

Fintracht Frankfurt: eng. — Skala (Offenbach).

Cologne: Dep. — Overath (retired).

Hamburg SV: eng. — Buljan (Hajduk Split), Keegan (Liverpool) Dep. Bjornmose (retired), Ettmayer (Lugano), Blankenburg (still negotiating abroad).

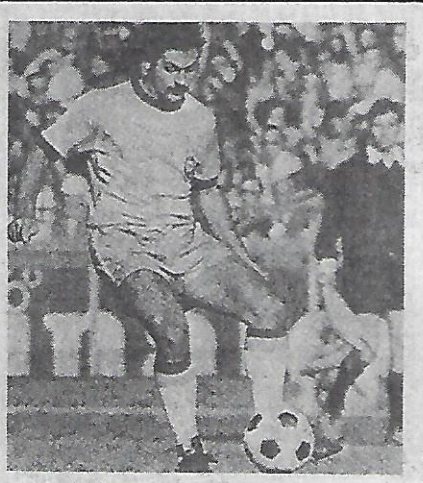
Bayern Munich: eng. — Janzon (Karlsruhe), Oblak (Schalke), Rausch (Offenbach). Dep. Beckenbauer (New York Cosmos), Andersson (Oester, Sweden), Torstensson (FC Zurich).

Borussia Dortmund: eng. — Schneider (Duisburg), Helt, Theis (both Offenbach).

Fortuna Dusseldorf: eng. — Lund (Rotweiss Essen), Dep. Geye (Kaiserslautern).

Kaiserslautern: eng. — Geye (Dusseldorg), Wendt (tennis Borussia Berlin), Dep. Sandberg (retired).

VfB Stuttgart: eng. — Hattenberger (Fortuna Cologne), Kelsch (Stuttgarter Kickers).



Roberto Rivelino — 107 caps?

Wilson could match Rivelino

Socceroo skipper Peter Wilson would be close to being the world's most "capped" player if Australia manipulated these honors the way Brazil seems to.

Brazilian **Roberto Rivelino** is credited by his country with 107 international appearances, only one less than record-holder **Bobby Moore** of England.

But whereas Moore and most other much-capped internationals notched their appearances in full international matches, Rivelino's total appears to contain quite a few games that wouldn't qualify him for a "cap".

Peter Wilson has represented Australia 105 times in all.

Only 58 of those were full internationals and that's all the Australian Soccer Federation claims for him.

Not so with Rivelino, although you can't blame the man personally.

Rivelino admitted in a recent newspaper interview that he had probably played only 85 full internationals. The remainder is made up of appearances for Brazil in representative internal matches against State selections and club sides in trial games.

Rivelino, 31, was bought by Rio de Janeiro club Fluminense for $1.1 million in 1975 from his previous club, Corinthians.

Peter Wilson

The brilliant midfielder used his cut to set up a chain of petrol stations and Fluminense promptly won the championship.

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES

Bobby Moore	England	108
ROBERTO RIVELINO	Brazil	107
Bobby Charlton	England	106
Billy Wright	England	105
Leonel Sanchez	Chile	104
Thorbjorn Svensson	Norway	104
FRANZ BECKENBAUER	W. Germany	103
HECTOR CHUMPITAZ	Peru	102
BJORN NORDQVIST	Sweden	101
Josef Bozsik	Hungary	100
Gilmar dos Santos	Brazil	100
Djalma Santos	Brazil	100

Near misses: Pele (Brazil) played 93 internationals; Ferenc Puskas played 88 (84 for Hungary, 4 for Spain).

Other players: Giacinto Facchetti has played 90 times for Italy; Berti Vogts has played 82 for West Germany.

Antoniades: 'This time I'll win it!'

Having powered Panathinaikos to the Greek championship, striker Anton Antoniades intends to achieve a more personal aim in the new season.

Antoniades said recently: "In 1971-72 I scored 39 goals for Panathinaikos but managed only to come second in the Golden Boot award for Europe's top scorer.

"Nikos Sideris of Olympiakos also came second in 1968-69 when **Peter Jekov** of CSKA Sofia won the award. Sideris had 35 goals that year and Jekov had 36.

"In 1970-71 **Georges Dedes** of Panionios scored 28 goals to finish third behind **Josip Skoblar** of Marseille who got 44 and **Salif Keita** of St. Etienne, who got 42.

"I was scoring very well in the 71-72 season, getting more goals than any Greek player had managed for many years.

"But in the end, I finished second. **Gerd Mueller** of Bayern Munich won the award with 40 goals — only one more than my 39. It was a bitter disappointment to me.

"In the new season I will try to make up for that disappointment by scoring more goals than anyone in Europe.

I know I have not been among the leaders for five seasons now, but Panathinaikos is playing so well and our coach **Kaz Gorski** has given us such confidence that I'm sure we'll be able to manage a lot more goals this year."

Antoniades scored 18 goals last season, one less than his team mate **Alvares**, so he has a long way to go to catch Europe's goal machine **Dudu Georgescu** who has won the Golden Boot in two of the past three seasons.

Dudu Georgescu — Europe's top scorer.

Georgescu took the award in the 1976-77 season with a total of 47 goals for his Rumanian club Dinamo — 11 more than runner-up **Bela Varadi** of Vasas Budapest.

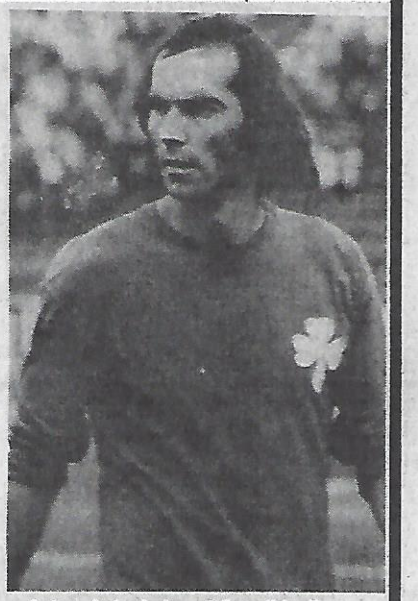
Even if Antoniades does not manage to win the coveted trophy, he and Alvares, together with veteran midfield schemer, **Mimis Domazos**, 36, will certainly be key men in Panathinaikos' defence of its league title and Greek Cup.

Although Panathinaikos won both honors, the top scorer's crown went to **Intzoglou** of Ethnikos who netted 22 times. Second was **Papadopoulos** of Iraklion with 21 goals and then came **Alvares** and **Antoniades.**

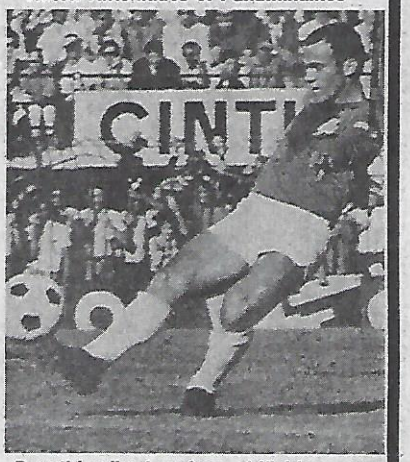
Despite its great success, Panathinaikos could not match Olympiakos' crowd support.

Olympiakos' home games were watched by an average of 26,215 while Panathinaikos drew an average of 21,700. Next came PAOK (21,650), AEK (16,900), Aris Salonika (11,300) and Iraklis (11,200).

A total of 3,030,000 fans visited the 304 league games and the 806 goals scored produced an average of 2.64 goals a game.



Anton Antoniades of Panathinaikos



Panathimaikos' ageless midfield maestro Mimis Domazos — still a champion at 36.

Mac to take penalties

From STEPHEN KALUS in London

I had a chance, at Arsenal's training to speak to Terry Neill, the man who made headlines in Australia when he sent back home superstars Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Hudson before the end of the "World of Soccer" international tournament.

Terry, who is confident he'll bring success back to Arsenal after a disappointing run in Singapore and Australia, has signed Pat Jennings from Spurs for $70,000 and sold **Jimmy Rimmer** to Aston Villa for $140,000.

Malcolm Macdonald, sent back home in disgrace from Australia is back in favor with Terry Neill who announced to the Press that "Supermac" would be Arsenal's penalty-taker in the championship games, although he failed in pre-season friendlies.

When I asked about the incident in Australia Terry Neill said: "There was no other course, but as a result of that action I believe we are all better for it. Supermac and Hudson do not bear grudges and we are now closer than ever".

Terry Neill (left) and Malcolm Macdonald with the trophies Supermac won as England's top scorer.

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The main question of the opening of the 1977 soccer season in England seems to be not whether the champions, Liverpool, can become the first team since Arsenal in 1935 to win three successive premierships, but whether anyone can stop them.

Although last season Liverpool won the premiership by only one point from Manchester City, they were the most consistent and most efficient team in the English 1st Division, as Liverpool later proved in The European Cup.

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Two of the executives of "World of Soccer", promoter **Reg Lambourne** and public relation man **Leon Clifton**, have been holidaying in Honolulu and were expected back in London any day now.

Peter Anderson, the publicity man of "World of Soccer," is just back from a holiday in Sweden.

Thomas to Everton

EVERTON, who for the past decade have lived in the shadow of their soccer neighbours, European champions, Liverpool, have spent 340,000 sterling (537,200 Aust.) in signing England winger Dave Thomas, 26, from Queens Park Rangers and George Wood, 21, Blackpool's goalkeeper.

Thomas, for whom Everton paid 200,000 sterling (316,000 Aust.) has played eight full internationals. He cost Rangers 165,000 sterling (260,700 Aust.) when he joined them from Burnley five years ago.

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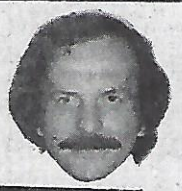

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

Ἀφορμή γι' αὐτὸ τὸ ἄρθρο ἔδωσε στὴν στήλη τηλεφώνημα πού ἔγινε σὲ συνάδελφο ἀπό κάποιον ὁ ὁποῖος ἄν καί δὲν ἔδωσε ὅπως ἦταν ἐπόμενο τό ὄνομά του, θά μπορούσαμε κάλλιστα νά τόν ὀνομάσουμε κ. θρασύδειλο.

Τὸ τηλεφώνημα ἔγινε γιά ποδοσφαιρική ὁμάδα μικρότερης κατηγορίας καί ὁ ἀπό τηλεφώνου παλικαρᾶς ἔβρισε καί ἀπείλησε τὸν συνάδελφο διότι —πιθανότατα— δὲν τοῦ ἄρεσε κάτι πού ἔγραψε γιά τήν ὁμάδα του.

Ἡ περίπτωση δὲν εἶναι ἡ πρώτη οὔτε καί πρόκειται νά εἶναι τελευταία καί μάλλιστα ἴσως τηλεφωνήσει καί στὸν γράφοντα.

Ὁπωσδήποτε δὲν εἶναι φίλαθλος καί δὲν πρέπει νά ἀνήκει στὴν ποδοσφαιρική οἰκογένεια. Ὁ πραγματικὸς φίλαθλος διαβάζει ἕνα ἄρθρο καί ἄν ἔχει ἀντίρρηση γιά κάποιο σημεῖο γράφει μιά ἐπιστολή στὸν ἀρθρογράφο ἐκφράζοντας τὴν γνώμη του ἢ ἀκόμα καί τὴν ἀγανάκτησή του γιά τό θέμα πού τὸν ἐνδιαφέρει.

Οἱ θρασύδειλοι ὅμως στέκονται πολύ πιό χαμηλά ἀπό κάτι τέτοιο καί προτιμοῦν τὸν ἀνανδρο τρόπο τοῦ ἀνώνυμου τηλεφώνήματος.

Ἔστω καί ἄν ξέρουμε τήν ὁυάδα γιά τήν ὁποία δηλώνει δεῖλά ὁ «ἀνώνυμος» ἐν τοῦτοις δὲν μποροῦμε νά ἀποδώσουμε εὐθύνες σ' αὐτήν. Πρόκειται ὅμως γιά Ἑλληνική ὁμάδα μὲ Ἕλληνες ὀπαδούς καί ἕναν θρασύδειλο ὁ ὁποῖος ὁπωσδήποτε δὲν μπορεῖ νά χαρακτηριστεῖ οὔτε ὀπαδός, οὔτε φίλαθλος.

Ἀνήκει σὲ μιά μερίδα ποὺ κάνει κάθε προσπάθεια γιά νά στιγματίσει τὸν σύλλογο πού ὑποτίθεται ὅτι ὑποστηρίζει, πού μπαίνει μέσα στά γήπεδα γιά σαματᾶ μόνο καί μόνο γιά νά τούς δοῦν ἀπό τίς κερκίδες νὰ τούς σέρνουν οἱ ἀστυνομικοί σὰν σακιά ἀπό τὸ σθέρκο, πού παίρνουν τηλέφωνα καί δεῖχνουν τό χάλι τους ἀπειλώντος καί βρίζοντας χυδαῖα τά μέλη μιᾶς οἰκογενείας πού δὲν φταίει σὲ τίποτα.

Δυστυχῶς στὴν μερίδα αὐτή ὑπάρχουν καί Ἕλληνες. Ἕλληνες πού ἔχουν τὸ θράσσος νά μπαίνουν μέσα στά γήπεδα μὲ τὴν ἰδιότητα τοῦ φιλάθλου ἔχοντας ἕναν μόνο σκοπό, νά λερώσουν μὲ τήν γλειώδη παρουσία τους τόσο τὸ γήπεδο ὅσο καί τήν ἀθλητική ἰδέα.

Ἀκόμα καί ἄν κατα φέρουν οἱ σύλλογοι ἢ οἱ γνήσιοι φίλαθλοι γιά τούς ἀπομακρύνουν ἀπό τόν χῶο τοῦ ἀθλήματος θά συνεχίσουν νά ἐκδηλώνουν τὴν κοινωνική ἀμορφωσιά τους μὲ τά ὑπουλα καί δρώμικα δάχτυλά τους νά σχηματίζουν τόν ἀριθμό τῶν τηλεφώνων καί νά κάνουν τόν «παλικαρᾶ» δωμίζοντας μὲ τά χνῶτα τους ἀκόμα κι' αὐτή τὴ συσκευή!

Ὁ κάθε συντάκτης ἐκφράζει τὴν γνώμη του καί στὸ τέλος τοῦ ἄρθρου ὑπογράφει διά τὸ πιστόν τῆς συντάξεως.

Κι' αὐτὸ διότι πιστεύει ὅτι ἐκτελεῖ σὰν ἄνθρωπος τήν ἀποστολή πού τοῦ ἐπιβάλει τό εἶδος τῆς δουλειᾶς του.

Πάντοτε ὅμως θά ὑπάρχουν «μικροί ἄνθρωποι» πού δυστυχῶς τὸ φυσικό τους ἀνάστημα τούς ἐπιτρέπει νά φτάσουν τὸ τηλέφωνο καί βρίζοντας χυδαῖα νά ἐκδηλώνουν τήν ἀνώνυμη ἀνανδρία τους.

Π. Γεωργίου

STRIKE WARNING

With the threat of a player's strike casting a shadow over the English League, the Manchester City chairman Peter Swales warns of dangers if clubs refuse to accept freedom of contract.

Swales says he firmly believes that the players will be on strike by October if freedom of contract does not become a reality.

"It is the greatest single issue to face the game in this country. I sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and that the resisting clubs will come into line before it is too late.

"If they do not accept the inevitable, and cannot grasp the consequences involved, then football will have a strike and a situation from which it will never recover."

Philips League Club Directory

Check daily papers in case of fixtures changes.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

GPO Box 1262L, Adelaide 5001

SPONSORED BY: Living Insurance and Living Travel.

PRESIDENT: Charlie Caruso Ph. 51 6740
SECRETARY: Carmine Picarello Ph. 337 0241
GROUND: Olympic Sports Field Kensington
COACH: Edmund Kreft
COLOURS: Black/white.

This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Olympic Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001
Club Phone: 356 8834

Sponsored by Living Insurance and Alitalia Airlines

Teams: PSL seniors, First Division team Spencer Park United, 15 junior teams from under 6 to under 18.
PSL home ground: Perry Park (Queensland soccer headquarters).
First Division ground: Spencer Park, Newberry St., Newmarket.
Secretary: Guido Canale, 52 4711.
Coach: Nero Saftich

This week's match: v FITZROY ALEXANDER at Middle Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.

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BRISBANE LIONS

Address	The Coconut Grove, Lilac St., Inala. Phone 372 2891.
Secretary	Simon Boegheim Phone 372 2891.
Coach	Les Sheinflug.
1st Div. Coach	Julius Vincze.
Teams	PSL Brisbane Lions, Ground Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. Phone 52 5328.
1st Div. Team	Name, Richlands Windmills.
Ground	The Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richland. Phone 372 2989.
Colours	All orange with blue stripe.
Junior teams	20 From under 7 to under 18.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LIONS WHEN IN YOUR CITY

This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Perry Park (Brisbane), Sunday 3 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. BOX 7, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Secretary	Hal Lesley 81 1313
Coach	Johnny Warren 88 7886
Ground	Manuka Oval, Manuka
Teams	PSL seniors and reserves in ACT First Division
Reserve coach:	Vic Fernandez
Reserve ground:	Narrabundah Oval
Colors	Yellow with blue trim.
Sponsored by	Brian Pollock Motors

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This week's match: v EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH at Manuka Oval (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm.

FITZROY ALEXANDER

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Acting president: Steve Williams 41 6762
Secretary: Sam Karanikolopoulos 41 3048 (private).
Coach: John Magarites
Reserve coach: Con Foudoulis
Teams: PSL Seniors, Metro League Second Division team, juniors under 11 to under 17.
PSL ground: Olympic Park Sundays and Middle Park Saturdays.
Second Division ground: Fitzroy Cricket Ground.
Second Div coach: C. Glorgousis.
Colors: Black and gold.

This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at Middle Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.

GIRLS INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD RING ONE OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS.

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Sponsored by; Yugoslav Airlines (JAT)
President; Tony Kovac, 94 1942
Manager-coach; Cedo Cirkovic
Secretary; Harry Iser, 37 Shoobra Rd., Elsternwick, Vic, Phone 391 3231.
Assistant Secretary; Lou Tonovski, 46 Molesworth St., Coburg Vic phone 350 2147.
Ground; Middle Park on Saturdays, Olympic Park on Sundays.
Second Division ground Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

This week's match: v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

HAKOAH EASTERN SUBURBS

61 HALL ST., BONDI

Secretary: L. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings), 663 4576 (afternoons).
Coach: Gerry Chaldi
Assistant: J. Lissing
Ground ; Wentworth Park
Sponsored by: Sport Fashions

This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at Manuka Oval (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm.

MARCONI

Sponsored by	Rosso Antico
Manager-coach:	Rale Rasic, Marconi club, 604 5222
Junior sec.:	Mick Daniel, 604 5222.
Ground	Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.
Teams	PSL seniors, two under 19s, under 12, under 13, under 14, under 15, under 16.

This week's match: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Sydney Sports Ground, Sunday 3 pm.

MOOROOLBARK UNITED

Secretary: Malcolm Jones.
Manager-coach: Brian Edgley. Phone No. Bus. 735 5773
Correspondence: P.O. Box 35, Mooroolbark 3138.
Teams: Philips Soccer League Seniors, Second Division Seniors, Second Division Reserves, 16 Junior Teams Under 7-16.
Philips Soccer League home ground: Middle Park for Saturday T.V. games. Wembley Park, Canterbury Road, Box Hill for Sunday fixtures.
Second Division Ground: Esther Park, Esther Crescent, Mooroolbark. Phone No: 726 0244
Junior Secretary: Bill Laven, Phone No. 728 2482.

This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

Secretary	Nick Sagiakos. Phone 528 6196 A.H. (Day 211 1247)
Coach	C. Xanthopoulos.
Teams	PSL Seniors and Reserves in
Second Div. coach:	T. Mantarakis.
Colours	Blue, White.
Junior Teams	Under 11 to Under 17.
Ground:	Middle Park.

This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Perry Park (Brisbane), Sunday 3 pm.

For further enquiries ring **Miss Melba Tsenekidou** on **88 4594** A.H.

Judging will take place December 3rd at Melbourne Town House

ST. GEORGE B.S.C.

Club: 84 Victoria Ave., Mortdale

Soccer president Alex Pongrass, 666 9229
Secretary: Les Bordacs, 269 2756
Coach: I. Takac 579 6977
Ground: Sydney Sports Ground
Colors: white, red and green.

This week's match: v WESTERN SUBURBS at Englefield Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC S.F.C.

President	M. Kontos. Phone 51 0444 ext. 8261.
General manager:	John Thompson, 982 1728
Secretary	N. Smilos Phone 88 1337
Coach	Kaz Kulak
Ground	Wentworth Park
Colours	Blue and White
Teams	PSL and 2 reserve teams
Reserves coach:	A. Antoniadis
Sponsored by	Olympic Airway and City Ford.

This week's match: v MARCONI at Sydney Sports Ground, Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

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Asst. Coach:	Mike Wells.
Team manager:	Jim Carapetis.
Reserves coach:	Kyp Stathi.
Home ground	Hindmarsh Stadium, Hindmarsh.
Senior secretary:	E. Koutelas, 51 4307
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This week's match: v MOOROOLBARK UNITED at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), Sunday 2.30 pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS SOCCER CLUB

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P.S.L. Ground: — Engelfield Stadium, Dural.
Colours: — Black & White
Teams: — P.S.L. & 2 Reserve Teams — U/11 to U/16 Jnrs.
Jnr. Sec: — L. Grimes Phone 713 2660
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This week's match: v ST GEORGE at Englefield Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

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